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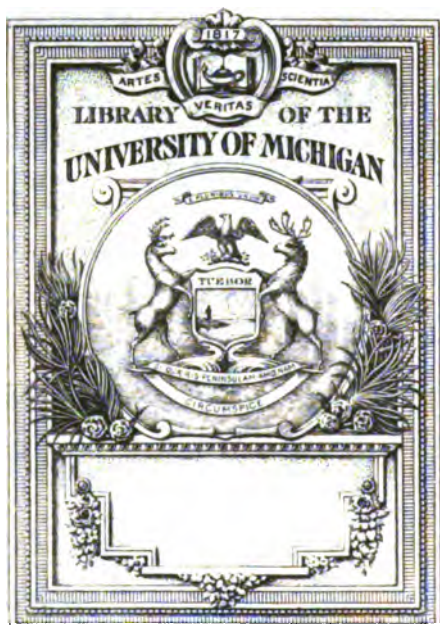
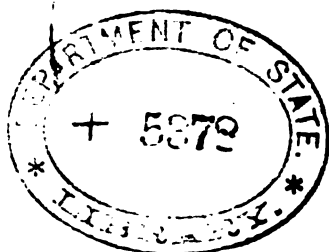
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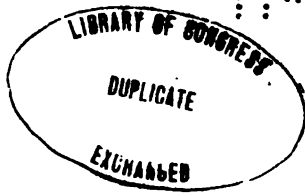
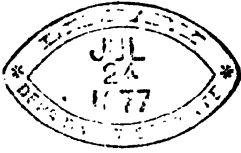


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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Vermont, the members of the House of Representatives convened in the State House in Montpelier, on the first Wednesday, being the fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, HON. GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, called the House to order, when

Devotional exercises were conducted by REV. J. M. C. FULTON of Montpelier.

The names of the members who had presented their credentials were called; whereupon it appeared that the following named members were present, who were duly sworn and took their seats, to wit:

ADDISON COUNTY.

Addison	SEYMOUR J. EVEREST.
Bridport	JULIUS J. CRANE.
Cornwall	EDWARD O. PORTER.
Ferrisburgh	JOHN BIRKETT.
Goshen	ANDREW S. BROWN.
Granville	ALONZO N. BRIGGS.
Hancock	TITUS HUTCHINSON.
Leicester	DARWIN JOHNSON.
Lincoln	JAMES H. BATCHELDER.
Middlebury	JOHN W. STEWART.
Monkton	ORTON T. BARNUM.

New Haven.....	ALFRED M. ROSCOE.
Orwell.....	CHARLES E. ABELL.
Panton.....	ENOCH J. KENT.
Ripton	JOSEPH BATTELL.
Salisbury.....	CHESTER KINGSLEY.
Shoreham.....	HARVEY S. BROOKINS.
Starksboro.....	SIDNEY BUSHNELL.
Vergennes.....	FRED E. WOODBRIDGE.
Weybridge.....	ASAPH D. HAYWARD.
Whiting....	EZRA L. NEEDHAM.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Arlington.....	JAMES K. BATCHELDER.
Bennington.....	MILO C. HULING.
Dorset.....	GEORGE W. FARWELL.
Glastenbury.....	DANIEL ROMAINE.
Landgrove.....	JOHN R. HAYNES.
Manchester.....	SEWELL N. BOURN.
Pern.....	WILLIAM B. SIMONDS.
Pownal.....	JOHN L. MASON.
Readsboro.....	MERRITT M. HOUGHTON.
Rupert.....	CORNELIUS M. SHELDON.
Sandgate.....	ELISHA L. HAMILTON.
Searsburgh....	GEORGE FARRINGTON.
Shaftsbury.....	SOLOMON HOWARD.
Stamford .	PATRICK MORRISSEY.
Sunderland.....	HENRY S. BURT.
Winhall	ARTEMAS W. PROUTY.
Woodford.....	AMOS ALDRICH.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

Barnet.....	PETER BUCHANAN.
Burke.....	ARTHUR D. JENKINS.
Danville.....	GEORGE E. EATON.

Groton.....	FRANK M. PAGE.
Hardwick.....	ALONZO CRANDALL.
Kirby.....	PALMER W. RUSSELL.
Lyndon.....	BENJAMIN F. LINCOLN.
Newark.....	DEMING D. FAIRBANKS.
Peacham.....	ISAAC N. WATTS.
Ryegate.....	JAMES JOHNSTON.
Sheffield.....	SPENCER DRAKE.
St. Johnsbury...	ELIJAH D. BLODGETT.
Stannard...	SAMUEL WINCHESTER.
Sutton.....	BRADLEY M. R. WILLEY.
Walden.....	WILLIAM H. H. DAVIS.
Waterford.....	BRADLEY D. BROWN.
Wheelock.....	LORENZO SULLOWAY, JR.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

Bolton	JAMES A. BEERS.
Burlington.....	TORREY E. WALES.
Charlotte	HENRY W. PRINDLE.
Colchester	AVERY B. EDWARDS.
Essex.....	JAMES NICHOLS.
Hinesburgh	GUY D. BOYNTON.
Huntington	GUY D. ELLIS.
Jericho.....	ORLIN ROOD.
South Burlington.....	ALEXANDER MCGREGOR.
St. George	NORMAN ISHAM.
Underhill.. ..	MARTIN E. HAPGOOD.
Westford	JAMES H. MACOMBER.
Williston	GEORGE LANDON.

ESSEX COUNTY.

Bloomfield.....	CYRUS R. BLODGETT.
Brighton.....	JOSEPH ANDREW.
Brunswick.....	WILLIAM W. FITCH.
Canaan.....	ADDISON E. FRIZZELL.
Concord.....	SAMUEL W. FORD.
East Haven.....	JASON D. JENKINS.

Granby.....ETHAN P. SHORES.
 Guildhall.....PUTNEY R. FOLLANSBY.
 Lemington.....WILLIAM W. TITUS.
 Lunenburg.....THERON N. WRIGHT.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Bakersfield.....JOSIAH F. BRIGHAM.
 Berkshire.....HORACE E. WHEELER.
 Enosburgh.....GEORGE ADAMS.
 Fairfax.....HARRY S. UFFORD.
 Fairfield.....RALPH SHERWOOD.
 Fletcher.....ALBERT PARSONS.
 Franklin.....JOHN WEBSTER.
 Highgate.....HIRAM SKEELS.
 Montgomery.....OTIS N. KELTON.
 Richford.....ALVIN S. CHASE.
 Sheldon.....SCHUYLER W. CHADWICK.
 St. Albans.....JOHN W. NEWTON.
 Swanton.....DAVID O. POTTER.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

Alburgh.....JED P. LADD.
 Grand Isle.....WYMAN W. PEARL.
 North Hero.....ORRIS P. KNIGHT.
 South Hero.....GEORGE TRACY.

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

Belvidere.....JOEL C. HODGKINS.
 Cambridge.....JOHN B. PAGE.
 Eden.....BAILEY W. FULLER.
 Elmore.....LYMAN A. GALE.
 Hyde Park.....DAVID RANDALL.
 Johnson.....ROBERT W. McFARLAND.
 Morristown.....ALDEN DARLING.
 Stowe.....ABIAL H. SLAYTON.
 Waterville.....HENRY WILBUR.

ORANGE COUNTY.

Bradford.....	JOSEPH W. BLISS.
Braintree	GEORGE L. SPEAR.
Brookfield.....	FREEMAN D. RICHARDSON
Chelsea.....	BURNAM MARTIN.
Corinth.....	DANIEL ROWLAND.
Newbury	HENRY W. ADAMS.
Orange	RAYMOND P. CAMP.
Randolph	WILLIAM H. DU BOIS.
Strafford.....	ELI CLARK.
Thetford.. ..	HARLAN P. CUMMINGS.
Topsham.....	HENRY A. JACKMAN.
Tunbridge.....	ELIZUR F. HOWE.
Vershire.....	SILAS TITUS.
Washington.....	HEMAN A. WHITE.
West Fairlee.....	JOHN G. EASTMAN.
Williamstown.....	GEORGE CRANE.
Fairlee	WILLIAM E. S. CELLEY.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

Barton.....	GEORGE H. BLAKE.
Brownington.....	ALBERT WELLS.
Charleston.....	CHARLES S. HINMAN.
Coventry	SAMUEL BURBANK.
Craftsbury.....	CHARLES C. HOYT.
Derby.....	ASA B. NELSON.
Glover	WILBUR F. TEMPLETON.
Greensboro	HARVEY S. CALDERWOOD.
Holland	MASON B. PINNEY.
Irasburgh.....	EBEN P. COLTON.
Jay ...	DAMON Y. CLARK.
Lowell	DON E. CURTIS.
Morgan.....	ORRIN TAYLOR.
Newport	CHARLES L. ERWIN.

Salem.....DANIEL KELLEY.
 Troy.....GEORGE E. BRALEY.
 Westmore.....HARRY CHENEY.

BUTLAND COUNTY.

Benson CHARLES B. GOODRICH.
 Brandon.....NATHAN T. SPRAGUE, JR.
 Castleton WILLIAM C. GUERNSEY.
 Chittenden. HENRY LONG.
 Clarendon. JOHN C. COLVIN.
 Danby CHARLES K. BUCKLIN.
 Fair Haven SAMUEL W. BAILEY.
 Hubbardton.....CYRUS JENNINGS.
 Ira.....SIMON L. PECK.
 Mendon REUBEN RANGER.
 Middletown ALBERT Y. GRAY.
 Mount Holly.....WINDSOR NEWTON.
 Mount Tabor... . . . GIDEON S. TABOR.
 Pawlet SELDEN S. BROWN.
 Pittsfield.....DANIEL W. RANNEY.
 Pittsford.....GEORGE N. EAYRES.
 Poultney.....MARVIN O. STODDARD.
 Rutland.....JOHN A. SHELDON.
 Sherburne.....DANIEL W. TAYLOR.
 Shrewsbury.....JOHN WEBB.
 Sudbury.....ANDREW WEBSTER.
 Tinmouth HANNIBAL HOPKINS.
 Wallingford.....MERRITT H. DICKERMAN.
 Wells MARCELLUS FRANCIS.
 West Haven.....RODNEY C. ABELL.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Barre.....JACOB S. SPAULDING.
 Berlin.....CHARLES F. DEWEY.

Cabot	GEORGE M. WEBSTER.
Calais	ERASMUS L. BURNAP.
Duxbury	DAVID E. FARRAND.
East Montpelier....	JOSEPH L. COBURN.
Fayston	DORRIC S. STODDARD.
Marshfield	LEVI W. PITKIN.
Montpelier.....	CHARLES T. SABIN.
Moretown.....	GOIN B. EVANS.
Northfield....	ANDREW E. DENNY.
Plainfield.....	NATHANIEL TOWNSHEND
Waitsfield.....	LUCIUS M. TYLER.
Waterbury ..	WILLIAM P. DILLINGHAM.
Woodbury.....	PETER R. LYFORD.
Worcester.....	HORACE P. DARLING.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

Athens.....	STEPHEN C. RANNEY.
Brattleboro	JULIUS J. ESTEY.
Brookline.....	WILLIAM W. PERRY.
Dover.....	STILLMAN H. LAZELL
Dummerston ..	THOMAS N. REED.
Grafton.....	CHARLES BARRETT.
Guilford.....	CHARLES E. ALEXANDER.
Halifax.....	ALBERT M. V. HAGER.
Jamaica	ALBERT STURGESS.
Londonderry	JAMES L. MARTIN.
Marlboro.....	WILLIAM W. LYNDE.
Newfane.....	ALVIN B. FRANKLIN.
Putney	STERNE O. PARKER.
Rockingham	ALBERT N. SWAIN.
Somerset	ASA BURNAP, JR.
Stratton.....	EVANDER H. WILLIS.
Townshend ..	FRANKLIN W. OLMSTED.
Vernon.....	DWIGHT JOHNSON.

Wardsboro.	MARTIN J. GLEASON.
Westminster.	RALPH S. SAFFORD.
Whitingham.	HENRY O. GILLETT.
Wilmington.	ESTUS C. SARGENT.
Windham.	ARCHIBALD H. MACK.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

Andover.	ALBERT E. STANNARD.
Baltimore.	ORSON D. FREEMAN.
Barnard.	PAUL D. DEAN.
Bethel.	EDWIN STURTEVANT.
Bridgewater.	CALVIN T. JOSSELYN.
Cavendish.	DANIEL W. HAZELTON.
Chester.	HUGH HENRY.
Hartford.	WILLIAM LINDSAY.
Hartland.	CHARLES C. THORNTON.
Ludlow.	WILLIAM A. PATRICK.
Norwich.	BARTLETT SARGENT.
Plymouth.	JOHN C. COOLIDGE.
Pomfret.	ORA PAUL.
Reading.	GEORGE H. PARKER.
Rochester.	JULIUS A. EATON.
Royalton.	MARTIN T. SKINNER.
Sharon.	EDWARD B. CHAMBERLIN.
Springfield.	HORACE H. HOWE.
Stockbridge.	CHARLES W. CLARK.
Weathersfield.	CHARLES L. STEARNS.
Weston.	ASA G. FOSTER.
West Windsor.	ALLEN SAVAGE.
Windsor.	JAMES A. POLLARD.
Woodstock.	WARREN C. FRENCH.

The following named gentlemen were severally admitted to take their seats in the House without producing their credentials, to wit :

On motion of Mr. Newton, Mr. C. A. Hotchkiss as the representative of the town of Georgia ;

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Willis R. Peake as the representative of the town of Bristol ;

On motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry, Mr. Joel B. Bartlett as the representative of the town of Shelburne ;

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Andrew B. Rose as the representative of the town of Waltham ;

On motion of Mr. Stewart, Mr. Caleb C. Eaton of Middlesex as the representative of the town of Middlesex ;

Which members so admitted were duly sworn.

The Secretary of State directed the House to the election of Speaker for the two years ensuing, and requested that ballots be prepared and deposited for such persons as the members would elect to that office.

The ballots having been taken and counted by the tellers, it appeared that

JOHN W. STEWART,

the representative of the town of Middlebury, had received a majority of all the votes cast, and he was declared elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the two years ensuing.

The Secretary of State designated Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury and Mr. Follansby of Guildhall, to wait upon the Speaker elect, inform him of his election, and conduct him to the chair.

The committee performed the duty assigned them, whereupon the Speaker was duly sworn, and addressed the House as follows :

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE :

I accept the position so flattering conferred on me with a deep sense of its grave and delicate responsibilities. My self-distrust is not lessened by the fact that I am not wholly unacquainted with these duties, nor by the further fact that I entertain a profound conviction that the honor of this position rests

solely on the faithful discharge of its functions. I could not venture to hope to merit your approval did I not confidently rely on the courtesy and forbearance towards its presiding officer which have always marked the bearing of this House. I crave thus early your indulgence for the many short-comings of which I shall be guilty.

Let us, with devout reliance on that Divine wisdom without which all human counsels are vain, enter on the discharge of our duties with such wise and deliberate diligence as shall secure the best results and the highest honor to our beloved State, and be worthy of this Centennial year. I cannot but think that we stand at an auspicious moment. We should draw inspiration from the memories of a glorious past, and for the future may we not confidently predict a wider national prosperity for our country, and, better than that, the ultimate and complete triumph of those principles of government so justly dear to every Vermonter?

The Speaker directed the House to the election of Clerk for two years ensuing, and requested that ballots be prepared and forwarded for that purpose.

Upon the second ballot the votes having been taken and examined by the tellers, it appeared that

GEORGE R. CHAPMAN,

of Vergennes, had received a majority of all the votes cast, and was declared elected Clerk of the House of Representatives for the two years next ensuing; and presenting himself at the bar of the House, was thereupon duly sworn, and entered at once upon the duties of his office.

Pending the second ballot for Clerk, Mr. Braman E. Lengfeld presented his credentials as the representative of the town of Isle La Motte;

Which being in due form he was sworn and admitted to his seat in the House.

Mr. Sprague of Brandon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House two daily newspapers and one weekly, printed in the State, to be selected by the members and officers ;

Which was read and adopted.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that a quorum of the Senate have assembled and are ready on their part to proceed with the business of the session.

The Senate have adopted a joint resolution relating to joint rules ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have appointed the following named Senators a committee on the part of the Senate to canvass votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer :

Addison County . . .	Loyal D. Eldridge,
Caledonia County . . .	Sumner S. Thompson,
Chittenden County . . .	Samuel Huntington,
Essex County	David S. Storrs,
Franklin County . . .	Oscar L. Rixford,
Grand Isle County . . .	Buel Landon,
Lamoille County . . .	Edwin Wheelock,
Orange County . . .	Edmund P. George,
Orleans County . . .	Charles Carpenter,
Rutland County . . .	Henry F. Lothrop,
Washington County . .	Ira Richardson,
Windham County . . .	Eleazer L. Waterman,
Windsor County . . .	Ervin J. Whitcomb.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the joint rules of the last session be the joint rules of this session until others are adopted ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Swain of Rockingham offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the election of a Chaplain for the present session.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Alburch the resolution was so amended as to read as follows :

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the election of a Chaplain for the two years next ensuing ;

And the resolution as amended was read and adopted.

The Speaker thereupon directed the House to the election of Chaplain, and no other nomination being made,

REV. J. M. C. FULTON

of Montpelier was unanimously elected Chaplain by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON..

Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the rules of last session be adopted as the rules of this session, until otherwise ordered ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has completed its organization, and is ready to proceed to the business of the session :

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker nominated and the House appointed the following named members, to constitute the committee on the part of

the House to canvass the votes of the freemen of the State, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer for the two years next ensuing, who were thereupon duly sworn, to wit :

Addison County . . .	Mr. Everest of Addison, " Johnson of Leicester, " Bushnell of Starksboro,
Bennington County . .	" Simonds of Peru, " Burt of Sunderland, " Aldrich of Woodford,
Caledonia County . . .	" Watts of Peacham, " Johnston of Ryegate, " Drake of Sheffield,
Chittenden County . .	" Hapgood of Underhill, " Ellis of Huntington, " Nichols of Essex,
Essex County	" Andrew of Brighton, " Frizzell of Canaan, " Shores of Granby,
Franklin County . . .	" Wheeler of Berkshire, " Hotchkiss of Georgia, " Chadwick of Sheldon,
Grand Isle County . .	" Pearl of Grand Isle, " Knight of North Hero, " Tracy of South Hero,
Lamoille County . . .	" Page of Cambridge, " Gale of Elmore, " Wilbur of Waterville,
Orange County . . .	" Richardson of Brookfield, " Howe of Tunbridge, " Eastman of West Fairlee,
Orleans County . . .	" Nelson of Derby, " Curtis of Lowell, " Taylor of Morgan,

Rutland County . .	“ Brown of Pawlet,
	“ Webb of Shrewsbury,
	“ Newton of Mt. Holly,
Washington County .	“ Spaulding of Barre,
	“ Denny of Northfield,
	“ Evans of Moretown,
Windham County . .	“ Ranney of Athens,
	“ Reed of Dummerston,
	“ Sturgess of Jamaica,
Windsor County . .	“ Coolidge of Plymouth,
	“ Paul of Pomfret,
	“ Skinner of Royalton.

The Speaker announced as the

Committee on Rules :

Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes,

“ Swain of Rockingham,

“ Hinman of Charleston.

The Speaker announced the appointment, on the part of the House, of the following

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE.

On Joint Rules ;

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

“ French of Woodstock,

“ Newton of St. Albans.

Mr. A. N. Tilden, the representative of the town of Roxbury, and Mr. George W. Whitcher, the representative of the town of Westfield, presented their credentials ;

Which being in due form they were sworn and admitted to their seats in the House.

Mr. Henry of Chester offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait upon his

Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the House has upon its part completed its organization and is ready to receive any communication he may desire to make ;

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker designated as such committee :

Mr. Henry of Chester,

“ Battell of Ripton,

“ Martin of Chelsea.

Mr. Henry, from the committee, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned them, and that the Governor had at present no communication to make to the House.

Mr. Olmsted of Townshend offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock to hear the report of the committee appointed to canvass votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Ladd of Alburgh the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Hayward of Weybridge offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That a joint committee, to consist of one Senator and three members of the House of Representatives from each county, be appointed to receive and examine the certificates of the votes given in each county for Assistant Judges of the county court,

Sheriff, High Bailiff and State's Attorney for such county for the two years next ensuing. Also to receive and examine the certificates of the votes in each Probate District, for Judges of Probate for such district for the two years next ensuing. Also to receive and examine the certificates of the votes given in the several towns for Justices of the Peace for the two years next ensuing;—to ascertain and declare the persons duly elected to the said offices, and report the said election to the General Assembly, agreeably to the provisions of the constitution;

Which was read and on motion of Mr. Ladd of Alburgh, was ordered to lie.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,

H. 1. An act laying a tax on the county of Caledonia;

To a Select Committee consisting of all the members from Caledonia County.

By Mr. Peck of Ira,

H. 2. An act to amend section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Albert J. Shaw presented his credentials as the representative of the town of Victory;

Which being in due form he was sworn and admitted to his seat in the House.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have organized by the election of F. W. Baldwin of Barton, Secretary, and C. W. Brownell, Jr., of Burlington, Assistant Secretary.

The Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution in

relation to the distribution of a report. Also a joint resolution relating to Joint Assembly to receive the vote of the canvassing committee for State officers ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House, relating to a Joint Assembly to canvass votes for State officers ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

WHEREAS, There remains in the State Library a portion of the edition of the Railroad Investigating Committee's report of 1872, which was so delayed that it could not be distributed to the members of that General Assembly until their terms had expired ; and

WHEREAS, A doubt arose in the mind of the Executive as to what distribution could properly be made, and he decided to hold and refer the same to the present Legislature ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Librarian be directed to furnish one copy of said report to each member and officer of the present General Assembly, and hold the remainder, if any, for exchange and distribution according to the rules of the Library ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly to-morrow morning at half past ten o'clock to receive the report of the joint canvassing committee appointed to canvass the votes for State officers ;

Was read and on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea, was

Ordered to lie.

The hour for the Joint Assembly having arrived the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The Joint Assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from his Excellency, the Governor, as follows :

STATE OF VERMONT,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Montpelier, October 5, 1876. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR: I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives that I have appointed Andrew E. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, and that I will transmit the Biennial Executive Message at three o'clock this afternoon.

HORACE FAIRBANKS.

Joint resolution providing 'for the appointment of a committee to canvass the votes for County officers, Judges of Probate and Justices of the Peace, was, on motion of Mr. Abell of West Haven, taken up and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Swain of Rockingham offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That a joint committee consisting of one Senator and three Representatives from each county, in each congressional district, be appointed upon nomination of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively, to canvass the votes given in the several congressional districts, and declare those persons having a majority of all the votes cast in said districts, respectively, to be elected Representatives to represent this State in the Congress of the United States ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge, the House took a recess until three o'clock.

At three o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair.

A message from his Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the House of Representatives the Biennial Executive Message to the General Assembly.

The Speaker laid before the House, the Message of his Excellency, the Governor, which was read by the Clerk, as follows :

Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives :

In entering upon the legislative duties and responsibilities imposed by the Constitution, it is fit and proper, especially in this Centennial year of our National existence and nearly completed century of the existence of our State under a constitutional government, that our hearts should be filled with thankfulness and gratitude to the Author of all blessings, not only for the general health, peace and prosperity which He has graciously vouchsafed during the past two years, but also for the innumerable blessings which have attended our entire existence as a State. And especially is it fitting that we should remember with gratitude and thankfulness at this time, the mercies and goodness of that Providence which led our fathers safely through those peculiar and trying circumstances which environed them in the memorable year of 1777, and which scarcely have their parallel in the world's history,—when, though claimed on the east by New Hampshire,—claimed and menaced on the west by New York,—oppressed and warred against on the north by Great Britain,—unrecognized and unsupported by the sister colonies, they, a mere handful of sturdy yeomen, stood manfully and independently for the right; framed and adopted a Constitution, which for the most part remains unchanged, and under which they and their posterity

have been "protected in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property," and have been led to that "firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, industry and frugality," which has made them and us an intelligent, virtuous and happy people. May the same Infinite Wisdom guide us in all legislative deliberations, that we may not the fair proportions of the governmental structure reared by our fathers, but enjoy and transmit it improved, adorned and embellished, to those who may come after us.

Standing on the dividing line of the centuries, it is the part of wisdom to consider not alone the present, its comforts and privileges, but as well the past, that we may learn their cost, its lessons, and take warning from any mistakes by the way, and that we may plan broadly, intelligently and wisely for the future.

The biennial reports of the State officers having in charge particular departments of the public service, will fully inform you of the present condition of the important affairs of the State. The suggestions and recommendations of these officers who have become familiar with the necessities and workings of their respective departments, deserve, and no doubt will receive your careful consideration.

FINANCES.

It is a matter for mutual congratulation that by wise legislation and careful and honest management, the finances of the State are in a most satisfactory and prosperous condition. When we call to mind that ten years ago, after having cheerfully met the enormous taxation necessary for the support of the war, the State was found to have a funded debt of \$1,625,500, it is not a little remarkable, and certainly very gratifying, to find that at the close of the financial year the Treasurer had in hand assets, mostly in ready money, to the amount of \$72,907.11, in excess of all existing liabilities. Although a portion of the State debt does not

fall due for several years, and is really due from the State to the State, and a considerable portion of the money then on hand will be needed to defray the expenses which will accrue before another State tax can be collected, we have the proud satisfaction of having entered upon the second century substantially free from debt, and with no State financial burdens for posterity to bear.

The Treasurer's report, to which you are referred, will furnish a clear, definite and detailed statement of the financial transactions of the State for the past two years.

From the report it appears that during the financial year ending August 1, 1875, besides meeting the current expenses, the funded debt was diminished \$59,000, and there was added to the sinking fund \$130,000. At the close of that year, the financial condition of the State was as follows :

LIABILITIES.

Due towns, U. S. Safety Fund,	\$11,519.96
Due on Soldiers' accounts,	12,178.24
Due on outstanding checks,	1,886.06
Due on funded debt:	
Coupon bonds, 1876,	\$102,000
Coupon bonds, 1878,	34,000
Registered Loan, 1878,	31,500
	—————\$167,500.00
Due Agricultural College Fund,	135,500.00
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	\$328,584.26

ASSETS.

Due on tax of 1874,	\$4,563.45
Cash in treasury and on deposit in banks,	320,376.84
	—————\$324,940.29
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Excess of liabilities,	\$3,643.97

During the year ending August 1, 1876, the Treasurer has purchased \$2,000 of the bonds due December 1, 1876, and \$30,000 of the registered bonds, due December 1, 1878.

The balance sheet for the present fiscal year represents :

LIABILITIES.

Due towns, U. S. Safety Fund,	\$11,519.96
Due on Soldiers' accounts,	11,472.78
Due on outstanding checks,	1,833.80
Due on bonds, December 1, 1876,	100,000.00
Due on bonds, December 1, 1878,	35,500.00
Due Agricultural College Fund,	135,500.00
Due on over-due coupons,	1,605.00
Due Vermont Asylum for the Insane,	24,333.12
Due Perkins Institute for the Blind,	2,125.00
	\$323,889.66

ASSETS.

Due on tax of 1875,	\$8,552.21
Cash in treasury and on deposit in banks,	388,244.56
	\$396,796.77

Excess of assets,	\$72,907.11
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With the same prudent foresight and the same economical and honest management continued, Vermont will never be numbered among the bankrupt or repudiating States, but her promises to pay will, as at present, command a premium in the money market.

EXPENSES.

The expense of administering the affairs of the State must in the future, as in the past, be paid almost entirely from direct

taxes, and for that reason should be cautiously and prudently incurred. Taxation should ever be kept at the lowest limit consistent with the permanent protection, growth and development of the interests of the entire people.

The Constitution has happily prescribed this limit. Its language is, "Previous to any law being made to raise a tax, the purpose for which it is to be raised ought to appear evident to the Legislature to be of more service to the community than the money would be if not collected."

The payment of State expenses is from a common fund, raised by a general tax. The danger lies in a neglect to examine carefully each item of expense to determine whether it falls within the letter and spirit of the Constitution. A cursory examination of the accounts allowed by the State Auditor will suffice to show that prosecutions by the grand jury, and trials by the petit jury, occasion large items of expense. At my request the Auditor has examined his books, and reports that there has been paid, including the sums paid the jurors, during the last fiscal year,—for the former, \$9,013.81 ; and for the latter, \$21,443.72.

The criminal prosecutions in each county are under the management and control of its State's Attorney. The incumbent is changed at nearly every election. It is believed that considerable sums in fines and forfeitures are for this reason lost to the State.

The incoming State's Attorney is unfamiliar with the business, and has no knowledge of such as has been left unfinished by his predecessor. Not unfrequently has it happened that the expense of obtaining an indictment, and sometimes of a trial before the traverse jury, has been lost to the State, from the indictments being defectively drawn through the inexperience of the State's Attorney. Besides, there has been paid to other attorneys for aiding in State trials during the last fiscal year, according to the

estimate of the State Auditor, the sum of \$3,500. It is my belief that a considerable part of this class of expenses might be saved by the creation of the office of Attorney General, to be filled by an experienced and able attorney. It should be his duty to take charge of and systematize the criminal business of the State; attend to the collection of all fines and forfeitures; give instructions and aid to the State's Attorneys in drafting informations and indictments; and to be present and conduct the more important criminal prosecutions. I believe, with the criminal business in the care and charge of such an officer, that the necessity for instituting such prosecutions by a grand jury would in a great measure, cease to exist, and might be dispensed with except in cases of treason and murder. For such cases the grand jury might be called whenever occasion should require, and not in each county annually, as is now done. There is no clause in the Constitution which would be violated by such a change. Prosecutions by information are fully recognized by the common law.

The chief value of the grand jury system, and the occasion which called it into existence in England, grew out of her arbitrary form of government. It furnished security against unfounded and unjust prosecutions of a subject who had fallen into disfavor with the monarch. It insured merited prosecutions against royal and titled families.

I have been led to these suggestions from the belief that some such change in the law as has been indicated, could be made, which would not lessen the effectiveness of criminal prosecutions, but would lessen materially their expense. The right of trial by jury is secured by the Constitution, "except where parties otherwise agree." By such agreements, such causes may be referred under a rule of Court. I am informed that the cost to the State for such jury trials per day is about one hun-

dred dollars. Under existing law, cases involving the simple right to recover for labor or property to an amount exceeding ten or twenty dollars, dependent upon the nature of the action, can be, and often are, carried to the County Court by appeal. The trial of such cases is rarely completed in less than a day. Is it not a plain perversion, not to say violation of that clause in the Constitution heretofore cited, to impose a tax of one hundred dollars upon the community, to settle a matter in which one of two parties may be entitled to twenty-five or even fifty dollars, and should not the right of appeal in such cases be taken away unless the amount involved is nearly equal to the amount of taxes which the appeal will probably impose upon the community ?

The allowance of the right of appeal in such cases is no kindness even to the prevailing party. Besides the ill feelings likely to be engendered by such trials, the expense of the trial to him is usually much more than the amount of the claim.

The ordinary expenses per day of a competent referee do not exceed \$10 or \$15. Hence if all jury cases should be referred, and the State should assume the payment of the referee's fees, a very great saving of expense would be secured to the State, and no right of parties would be thereby sacrificed.

The main obstacle in the way of an agreement of reference is that parties know that they can try their case by jury on the payment of six dollars to the State, and that a trial by a competent referee may cost them many times that sum.

I think it would be economy to provide for the payment, by the State, of a part or the whole of the referee's fees, and that the expense of trial by jury may be lessened by proper legislation in the two directions indicated, without any detriment to public or private interests.

ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

The framing of statutes so as to compel an equitable and just

contribution from every interest and citizen, towards the expenses of administering the affairs of the State, has ever been one of the most difficult and perplexing questions with which legislators have to deal. The right of the State to compel such just contribution is unquestionable. Without, it every department of the government becomes paralyzed.

The duty of every citizen, and of every species of property, to contribute towards the expense of his or its protection, is equally clear. The protection furnished by the State to its citizens and to the property within its limits, gives the right to exact, in war, the personal services, and in peace, a poll tax from the former and contributions from the latter, wherever the owner thereof may reside. This is substantially the doctrine announced in the 9th article of the Bill of Rights.

Within the past few years there have been frequent complaints that the spirit of this article in the Bill of Rights is violated in the apportionment of the public burdens. Not unfrequently has it been claimed that property of the same kind and value was placed in the Grand List at different valuations in different sections of the State. At other times it is claimed that a large amount of property invested in railroads, telegraph companies, insurance companies, and other companies, to protect which, and determine the rights thereto, annually costs the State a large sum, almost wholly escapes taxation ; and again, that owners of real estate are unjustly discriminated against, in that they are taxed on its appraised value, notwithstanding they may be largely indebted for it, while the owners of personal estate are allowed to deduct from its appraised value the amount of debts which they may owe. It is claimed by some that there should be no deductions made from the assessed value of personal property, for the debts of the owner ; that such allowance induces fraud and the creation of fictitious debts for the purpose of obtaining deductions, and that the expense to the

State, to protect and determine the rights to personal property for which the owner is in debt, is greater than when the same is fully paid for, and hence it is unjust that the owner of property, because he is a debtor, should be relieved from contributing therefrom to the expenses of the State.

Without doubt there is too much foundation for these complaints, though the class first mentioned could have no existence in fact, if listers would faithfully observe the law, and appraise all property at its just value in money.

It is notorious that they do not regard the law in this respect, but appraise property at from one-third to two-thirds its just value in money, often vying with each other to place and keep the property in their locality in the list as far below its value as possible. I am informed that conscientious listers often refuse to sign and make oath to the list from a knowledge of their failure to comply with the law.

The prevalent feeling that the practical operation of the law for the assessment of taxes is unequal and unjust, has been, and is, working a sad demoralization of public sentiment. By a numerous class of citizens it is no longer considered a public duty to assume and pay their full share of the public expenses, but rather that they have a right to avoid as much of it as they can even by resorting to questionable devices. It is feared that the Legislature may have inadvertently aided in the work of demoralization, by too readily passing acts to legalize grand lists, with and without specifying the defects to be legalized, and even to legalize the omission of the listers to sign and make oath to the list. Would not a more healthy sentiment be inculcated by refusing the passage of all acts which do not specify the defect to be cured, and all acts to legalize defects occasioned by the omission of the listers to complete, sign and make oath to the list according to law, and, also, by enacting a law rendering the listers personally liable to their towns and to the State for all losses occasioned by their neglects or omissions in this respect.

I am convinced that the law in regard to the assessment of taxes needs a careful and considerate revision—such a revision as will apportion and distribute the public expenses as equally and justly as possible among all the citizens and upon all the pecuniary interests of the State. Whether such a revision can be effected at a single session of the Legislature may be doubtful.

EDUCATION.

The importance of this interest cannot be overestimated. More than ninety thousand children are in process of training in the schools of the State.

Their weal or woe is largely determined by the character of the schools which they attend.

These children are soon to give character to the State and other States.

The State can better afford to neglect any other interest than this, which is so closely allied to her welfare and destiny.

Free institutions cannot long exist among a people characterized by ignorance and vice. Intelligence and virtue are the bulwarks of all free government.

The pecuniary interests connected with education are very large. The direct taxes raised annually for this purpose amount to nearly \$600,000. But this sum represents hardly a tithe of what the people of the State annually expend to educate their children.

There must be added a large sum paid for text books, and a many times larger sum for the board, clothing and time of the children.

But the pecuniary interests connected with the public schools dwindle in importance into insignificance, when compared with the habits and characters which are there being acquired. A thoroughly intelligent and virtuous people, inured to habits of self-control and perseverance, are invincible everywhere, whether in the world of mind or matter.

It is not so much the amount of money which we expend, as the character which we give to the public schools, that is all-important. Almost any expenditure of money, whether for the better superintendence of the public schools, or for securing the hearty co-operation and interest of the parents and guardians, or for training and bringing into the service more experienced and better qualified teachers, if it only serves to elevate the character of the public schools and give to the State more intelligent, virtuous and persevering citizens, is economical and judicious. If it fails to secure these results, the expenditure is wasteful.

I trust that this interest, whether it relates to the public schools, or the higher institutions of learning, will receive your careful consideration.

The report of the State Superintendent will inform you of the work done during the past two years. I commend his recommendations for legislation to your consideration.

It seems to me that an economical and efficient management of this great interest requires a uniformity of text books throughout the State, and that there should be secured a decrease and consolidation of the number of small schools, which are usually intrusted to young and inexperienced, not to say unqualified, teachers.

My predecessor's recommendation of the establishment of town libraries I most heartily endorse, not alone as a means of education for the young, but also as a means of continuing the work of education and culture among those who are engaged in the active pursuits of life, and as a source of solace to declining years.

STATE LIBRARY.

This library, which is very complete in the department of American law, besides being well furnished with miscellaneous works, has entirely outgrown the room set apart for it in the State House.

It is evident that some further provision for its accommodation must soon be made. It seems to me that an enlargement of the present room is almost impracticable, and that sooner or later there must be erected for its accommodation a separate fire-proof building, which should be kept open throughout the year. The library is now of such dimensions and importance that it should be readily accessible for research and investigation at all times.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, MANUFACTURES AND MINING.

The Secretary's report, with the accompanying papers, will inform you of the work accomplished during the past two years. Its work has thus far been confined to fostering the interests of agriculture. This doubtless has resulted from the fact that agriculture is the more prominent and general interest. The Board is concerned with the three great industrial pursuits of the State. Each of these industries is essential to, and more or less dependent upon, the others for its best development, and should be judiciously encouraged and fostered by the State. I think that these interests are sufficiently important to warrant the continued employment of a judicious and properly qualified Secretary; that in collecting and arranging facts and statistics, making experiments, holding public meetings, suggesting the best methods and bringing them to the attention of the people, he can find ample work which can be done profitably in the interest of the State.

I would recommend a larger appropriation than is asked for by the Board, whose expenditure should be guarded by suitable legislation; and also that the State Geologist, whose official duties lead him to a consideration of the mines and minerals in the State, be made an *ex officio* member of the Board.

THE INSANE.

This unfortunate class are peculiarly the wards of the State. Bereft of reason, and frequently of friends, the State will be

derelict in duty if its guardianship be not generous, active and vigilant.

I have read the report of the Commissioner with interest. It is apparently a thoughtful and carefully prepared document. I commend it to your careful perusal and study. The facts and deductions therein stated are startling. I have not sufficiently examined, and am not sufficiently familiar with, the facts and circumstances either to adopt or deny the conclusions of the Commissioner. If his conclusions are well founded, there is imperative need of immediate legislative action.

That the number of insane under treatment and needing relief should have steadily, year by year, increased from the foundation of the Asylum, while the population of the State has remained comparatively stationary, is a matter that challenges attention and enquiry into the causes of the increase. May you carefully consider this important subject, ascertaining as nearly as possible the exact facts as to the relative increase or decrease of insanity in our own State, and other parts of the country, and may your action in the premises be wise and just to the Asylum, to the State, and above all, to these unfortunate wards of the State. I commend to your consideration the suggestions of the Commissioner with reference to the enactment of safeguards against improper commitments, both to the asylum and to the county jails.

STATE PRISON AND COUNTY JAILS.

I think it may be safely asserted, after an experience of nearly a century, that the operation of our system of prison discipline, both as practiced in the State prison and in the common jails, in its effect upon the prisoner by way "of encouragement of virtue and prevention of vice and immorality," has been a failure; that the prisoner, from the effect of his imprisonment, instead of having become a reformed and better man and citizen,

with inclinations towards virtue, has become discouraged, hardened, and too often hopelessly fixed in a criminal course of life. Too often has it happened that the day of his discharge has witnessed a repetition of his former criminal act, or some more heinous crime.

This, to my mind, indicates that our system of prison discipline is radically wrong in principle. The State has, and can have, no feelings of revenge towards an erring citizen. Her conduct towards him should not be such as to lead him to feel that he is an outcast from her care and protection. Neither should it be such as would indicate a disregard for his criminal act. Her treatment should be such as evinces the utmost abhorrence and detestation of his crime, but at the same time the greatest regard and tenderest solicitude for him as a man and as a citizen.

I fear that while the State has been most active in showing abhorrence of crime, it has been lacking in earnest efforts to save the criminal from his crime to manhood and good citizenship. When any person, old or young, is fully convinced that he is an outcast from society, and that there is no hope of his ever regaining the good opinion and esteem of his fellow citizens, he is irrevocably lost to a virtuous life.

Hope is the great stimulating motive to action and to striving for better things. When this is crushed out, the man once bad is bad beyond recovery. The tendency of our system of prison discipline, to my mind, is to banish from the convict's mind all hopes of a return to a virtuous life. Consider the treatment of the State towards this class of persons.

A young man is accused of the commission of a crime. He is at once arrested and thrust into the county jail. No person on behalf of the State visits him, save the jailer to pass in his meals three times a day, and to lock him safely in his cell, or the

State's Attorney to inquire whether he wishes to plead "guilty" or "not guilty." Not a book, not a newspaper does the State furnish him with which to while away the tedious hours. If the jailer out of kindness provides reading matter for his prisoners, it is of favor and not of right. His associates may be of any degree of criminality. It is the common receptacle for all accused of the commission of crime within the county and awaiting their trial, as well as the place for punishment of those convicted of minor offences.

In a dim-lighted, ill-ventilated room, with nothing to do, not even, when transferred to the State Prison for safe keeping, on the order of the Governor, allowed to work, though requesting it, he passes his days and nights as best he can, brooding over his hard lot, planning ways of escape, or listening to the recital of obscene stories, or the criminal life and criminal exploits of his associates. And yet he is not a convict. He is only an accused. And this is the attempt of the State to prevent the commission of crime, most frequently the offspring of idleness, by compulsory idleness! At length he is tried. If acquitted, he goes out soured and hardened; if convicted of a minor offense, he is returned to his life of idleness in jail; and if of a higher crime, put to hard labor in the State Prison. The right of the State to incarcerate him springs from the right of self-preservation. By an overt act he has manifested the possession of a character which endangers the rights of others. He is incarcerated to deprive him of the power to invade the rights of others, not alone during the term of his confinement, but permanently, by removing the criminal inclination and disposition, and to deter others from the commission of crime. It would seem that of right he should remain incarcerated so long as he is possessed of the criminal inclination and disposition, and that the State should be active in its endeavors to dispossess him of these characteristics. The court is left to determine the time of

his incarceration as best it may, with little knowledge of his former life, less of his criminal tendencies, and of the length of time which will be required to eradicate them.

In the State Prison he is confined in his solitary cell, or driven under keepers to his tasks, is allowed no communication with his fellow prisoners—scarcely any with his keepers; he may have a few books, if able to read, but receives no instruction except on the Sabbath, a little from the chaplain. From his arrest to the close of his sentence, the State against whom he has offended, and which has laid her heavy hand upon him, has not extended to him a helping hand, and has scarcely spoken a cheering word. Is it a matter of wonder, then, that he broods over his hard lot, as he views it; feels that the hand of the State is not only against the *crime* which he has committed, but against *him*; that all she cares for him is to make him grind in her prison house, and that he comes from his incarceration a worse instead of a better man?

The experience of the past century, both in our State and in other States—for our State has done as well, and perhaps better, than many others—teaches, I think, very plainly and forcibly that our system of prison discipline demands a radical revision; that the jail should not be a place of imprisonment for debt or minor offences; that that class of offenders should be sent to a work-house to be established in connection with the Reform School, in which the school and reform element should have a prominent place; that the jail should be owned and controlled by the State, and should not be used for the detention of persons charged with all classes of crimes; but to one should be assigned those charged with one class of crimes, and to another those charged with another class of crimes, each having for inmates persons of the same degree of criminality, as nearly as practicable; that each should be furnished with a well selected library and some current literature, and in each should

be kept a school, not of idleness and vice, but of learning and virtue. Perhaps there should be provision by which those awaiting trial, who should request it, could labor in the work-house and receive a portion of their earnings.

The prisoners should be divided into classes according to the character which they manifest while under a course of discipline. A part of each day should be devoted by the keepers to instructing the prisoners in learning and in virtue, and the rest to labor, not for contractors, but for the State. In short, the State should put forth most active and earnest endeavors, from the arrest of the accused to the imprisonment of the convict, to reclaim him from a life of crime to a life of virtue; and the State Prison should no longer be an institution "for the reformation, as well as the punishment, of all offenders," *with the reformation all left out*. It may be objected that to effect such a change will cost money. Shall we stop to balance a few thousand paltry dollars in determining whether we will rescue a *man* from crime and lead him on to a virtuous life, or hold him irrevocably in the chains of vice?

I earnestly recommend a thorough revision of our system of prison discipline in the direction indicated; and I commend to your careful consideration the reports of the Directors and Superintendent of the State Prison.

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

It is a pleasure to turn from the Prison to the consideration of this topic. Although not personally acquainted with its operation and working, from all sources I hear it commended as a reformatory institution. The credit of its success is due to the wise and considerate action of former Legislatures, together with the faithful and efficient management of the officers of the institution. You need not be urged to aid by all needed

legislation in perfecting and developing the great work so auspiciously entered upon.

The Reports of the Trustees and the Superintendent fully inform us as to the condition of the Institution, its wants and requirements. I would recommend the making of all appropriations necessary to carry out any judicious plans which they may have suggested. I venture to suggest whether it would not be wise in all alterations and enlargements to have in view the furnishing facilities for dividing the inmates into classes, so as to be able to classify them according to the degree of discipline or correctional treatment required.

LEGISLATION.

It is doubtless true that we legislate too much. This naturally results from our system of enacting laws. Legislators serve their brief day, and then others fill their places. On many subjects of legislation men entertain widely differing views, but each is confident that his own are correct. Hence the frequent change of this or that provision of the statute. It rarely happens that the revision of an entire subject is attempted, but a single provision, here and there, is changed to meet the varying views of different legislators, which results in an inharmonious whole.

I think that a legislator should be fully persuaded of the absolute necessity for a change of the statute law before he should vote for its alteration or amendment; and then only for such alteration or amendment as will clearly remedy the evil. Hasty legislation is always dangerous. The original constitution had a special provision against it. It not only gave the Governor and Council the right to propose amendments to laws which had passed the Assembly, but, if the amendments were not concurred in, they had the right to suspend the passage of the bill until the next session of the Legislature. This was a

wise provision, and its spirit ought to guide legislation under our present system.

The sessions are too short to originate, mature and perfect legislation touching large and varied interests. Such legislation must usually contain many provisions, and be more or less intricate. There is not time amid the rush of the business of the session to prepare and nicely adjust the different provisions necessary to render such law applicable and just to all the interests likely to be affected. Usually, too, the men elected to the Legislature are, as they ought to be, taken from the busy callings of life, who have had no time to mature any perfected system of legislation, which would be applicable to and affect many interests. Properly to mature and prepare such legislation is a work of time and study, and often requires the collection of facts and statistics. Eminently of this character are the laws for the assessment of taxes, and for the punishment and prevention of crimes, a revision of which I have recommended. For such revision, and for the revision of the laws on any important subject, I would recommend that commissioners be appointed, under proper limitations and restrictions, to inquire into and carefully consider the whole subject, to prepare such legislation as they may judge necessary, and to report the same, with their reasons therefor, to the next Legislature. I think this method not only a safeguard against hasty and crude legislation, but withal economical. It will furnish business ready-prepared for the consideration of the Legislature immediately upon its organization, without spending the first two or three weeks, as has been too frequently the case, in making preparation to commence the work of the session.

The completion of the hundredth year since the independence of the State, since the adoption of the Constitution, and since the battle of Bennington, mark the coming year emphatically as

our centennial year. These memorable events in a large measure determined the character of our political existence, territorially and nationally. The remembrance of them, and of the principal actors in them, should be sacredly cherished and perpetuated. Is it not eminently fitting and proper that they be recognized by some suitable observance?

I shall take no time to consider national affairs. If each State will wisely and honestly conduct its own affairs so as to insure to itself and to the nation intelligent, virtuous and enterprising citizens and public servants, national affairs cannot well go amiss.

Allow me, in closing this already too lengthy communication, to express the hope that our mutual relations may be most friendly, frank and cordial, and our mutual work honestly, faithfully and speedily accomplished.

HORACE FAIRBANKS.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Montpelier, Oct. 5, 1876. }

Resolutions were severally offered, read and adopted as follows :

By Mr. Parker of Reading,

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to procure the printing of one thousand copies of the Governor's Message for the use of the House.

By Mr. Sprague of Brandon,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Finances be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Education be referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Pitkin of Marshfield,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Agriculture be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Safford of Westminster,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the manufacturing interests of the State be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

By Mr. Olmsted of Townshend,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be requested to inquire into the desirableness of altering or amending the present school laws, so that the burden of taxation for the support of schools may be more equal and just.

By Mr. Kelton of Montgomery,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Jails and Work-houses be referred to a committee of seven members of this House, and that they be instructed to report by bill or otherwise.

By Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the office of Attorney General and the trial of criminal cases, be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Sprague of Brandon,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as refers to State Institutions and Charities be referred to a select committee of five, to be appointed by the Speaker.

Mr. Eaton of Danville offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Reform School be referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the chair.

Which was read and, on motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington, was

Ordered to lie.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered joint resolutions from the House as follows:

Joint resolution relating to a joint committee to examine the certificates of the votes given for County officers;

Joint resolution providing for a joint committee to canvass votes for Members of Congress;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Safford of Westminster, the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The Speaker announced that the Clerk had appointed as his Assistants:

Milo S. Buck of Cavendish,

Nelson A. Taylor of Washington.

The Speaker announced the appointment, agreeably to law, of the following named persons as Reporters of the House of Representatives, to wit:

Andrew C. Brown of Montpelier,

Orville S. Bliss of Georgia.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

To the House of Representatives now in session;

The Committee on Rules respectfully submit the following Rules and recommend their adoption.

F. E. WOODBRIDGE, }
A. N. SWAIN, } Committee.
CHAS. S. HINMAN, }

RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 1.

The House shall meet every day (Sundays excepted,) at ten o'clock in the morning, and at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless otherwise specially ordered.

SEC. 2.

OF COMMITTEES.

At the commencement of each session the following standing committees shall be appointed, viz. :

A committee of three members, to report rules of the House.

A committee consisting of seven members, who shall take into consideration all matters relating to the election of members ; to be denominated the Committee on *Elections*.

A committee of seven members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the Government of the United States, and the relations of this State to it ; to be denominated the Committee on *Federal Relations*.

A committee consisting of seven members, who shall take into consideration all matters affecting the revenue of the State—shall, from time to time, inquire into the state of the Treasury ; ascertain the amount of debts due the State, and the claims against it ; report the amount of taxes necessary to be raised for the support of the Government, and inquire whether any, and if any, what measures ought to be adopted, the better to equalize the public burdens, secure the accountability of public agents, and otherwise improve the financial concerns of the State ; to be denominated the Committee of *Ways and Means*.

A committee consisting of seven members, who shall take into consideration all matters relating to the militia ; to be denominated the Committee on *Military Affairs*.

A committee consisting of nine members, who shall take into consideration all matters relating to the Judiciary ; to be denominated the *Judiciary Committee*.

A committee consisting of seven members, to take into consideration all Literary and Scientific subjects ; to be denominated the Committee on *Education*.

A committee consisting of nine members, who shall take into consideration all claims against the State ; to be denominated the Committee of *Claims*.

A committee consisting of nine members, who shall take into consideration all matters relating to Railroads ; to be denominated the Committee on *Railroads*.

A committee consisting of seven members, who shall take into consideration all matters relating to Highways, Bridges and Ferries ; to be denominated the Committee on *Highways, Bridges and Ferries*.

A committee consisting of seven members, who shall take into consideration all matters relating to Banks ; to be denominated the Committee on *Banks*.

A committee consisting of seven members, who shall take into consideration all matters relating to Domestic Manufactures ; to be denominated the Committee on *Manufactures*.

A committee consisting of one member from each county, who shall take into consideration all matters relating to Agriculture ; to be denominated the Committee on *Agriculture*.

A committee consisting of one member from each county, who shall take into consideration all matters relating to Land Taxes ; to be denominated the *Land Tax Committee*.

A committee of one member from each county, to make up the Grand List.

A committee of one member from each county, to take into consideration all subjects referred to a member from each county, to be denominated the *General Committee*.

A committee of one member from each county, whose duty it shall be to receive and distribute all public documents and papers, printed for the use of the members; to be denominated the *Distributing Committee*.

A committee consisting of seven members, to take into consideration all matters relating to the State Prison; to be denominated the Committee on the *State Prison*.

A committee of seven members, to whom shall be referred all bills and other matters relative to private corporations, for which there may be no other appropriate committee; to be denominated the Committee on *Corporations*.

A committee of seven members, to whom shall be referred all bills and other matters relative to town lines; to be denominated the Committee on *Town Lines*.

A committee consisting of one member from each county, to take into consideration all matters relating to the mileage and debentures of the members of the House; to be denominated the Committee on *Mileage and Debentures*.

A committee consisting of seven members, to take into consideration all matters relating to the Public Buildings; to be denominated the Committee on *Public Buildings*.

SEC. 3.

No committee shall sit during the session of the House, without leave from the House.

SEC. 4.

All committees shall have a right to report by bill.

SEC. 5.

All committees shall be made by the Speaker, but any appointment made by him may, on motion of a member, be overruled by the House; in which case the House shall, on nomination of a member, immediately fill the vacancy.

SEC. 6.

Any member shall be excused from service on any committee upon his own request, if at the time of his appointment, he shall be a member of two other committees.

SEC. 7.

When the House shall have ordered the appointment of a committee, the Speaker shall be entitled to one recess of the House in which to make the appointment.

SEC. 8.

OF THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER AND OTHER
MEMBERS.

The Speaker shall take the chair at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, call to order and proceed to business ; causing the journals of the previous day to be read at the opening of the House on each day, unless otherwise ordered by the House. He shall preserve order, and may speak on questions of order in preference to any other member, rising from his seat for that purpose ; and shall decide on all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House.

SEC. 9.

In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, the Speaker may cause the same to be cleared.

SEC. 10.

If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any other member may, call to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the House shall, if appealed to, decide the same without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty

to proceed ; if otherwise, and the case require, he shall be liable to the censure of the House.

SEC. 11.

No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without permission from the House ; nor shall he speak the second time while the floor is claimed by a member who has not spoken to the question under consideration.

SEC. 12.

No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave of absence, is sick, or unable to attend.

SEC. 13.

The yeas and nays shall be ordered on any question on demand of a member, and when taken, and also on a division of the House, every member present, except the Speaker, shall vote unless excused by the House ; but no member shall be compelled to vote who was not present when the question was stated from the Chair ; nor shall any one, in taking the yeas and nays, be permitted to vote, except by unanimous consent, who was not within the bar of the House when his name was called ; and when any member shall ask leave to vote, the Speaker shall propound to him the question : " Were you within the bar of the House when your name was called ? " Nor shall any member be permitted to vote on any question in which he is immediately or directly interested.

SEC. 14.

In all cases of ballot by the House, the Speaker shall vote ; in other cases he shall not be required to vote, unless the House be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal ; and in case of such equal division the question shall be lost. And no member, or other person, shall

visit or remain by the Clerk's table while the yeas and nays are being called, or the ballots are being counted.

SEC. 15.

No member in the minority, or who did not vote on any question, shall have a right to move a reconsideration thereof, nor shall a motion for reconsideration be in order, unless made before the close of the next day of actual session after that on which the vote was taken.

SEC. 16.

Every member, on presenting a resolution, shall state, shortly, the object of it, and be held responsible for the propriety of expression therein used.

SEC. 17.

Every motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover, if required by the Speaker, or any other member.

SEC. 18.

The Speaker shall have a right to call upon any member to discharge the duties of the Chair, whenever, from indisposition or other cause, he shall find it necessary temporarily to retire from it; and when the House shall go into Committee of the Whole, the chairman shall be named by the Speaker.

SEC. 19.

All petitions shall be referred to a committee without reading, unless the reading be demanded by a member.

SEC. 20.

The House having once decided on any question, it shall not again be brought before the House by any member thereof, in any form whatever, during the same session.

SEC. 21.

When a motion shall be made for a call of the House, the call shall be ordered, if said motion is sustained by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 22.

No motion to amend the rules of the House shall be acted upon until it shall have been before the House at least twenty-four hours.

SEC. 23.

The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Treasurer, and Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, and members of the State Senate, Senators and Members of Congress, the Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, the District Judge, Collector, Attorney, and Marshal of the United States, members of the Council of Censors, and such as have previously held those offices; the clergy, and such as may be introduced by a member, shall be admitted to seats on the floor of the House.

SEC. 24.

Counsel may be admitted to advocate any cause, if permitted by three-fourths of the members present.

SEC. 25.

No bill shall pass the House until it shall have been read three several times, the last of which shall be at least twenty-four hours after the first reading, and the third reading of all bills of a public nature shall be ordered for some particular day.

SEC. 26.

No bill originating in the House shall be amended in the House after it has been read the third time, unless by unanimous consent but it may be committed to a member for amendment.

SEC. 27.

All bills shall be read a second time by their titles only, unless the reading shall be demanded by a member; and all bills after the second reading, and all petitions, memorials, remonstrances, resolutions and other papers, calling for legislative action (except such as have been reported by a committee), no objection being made, shall be referred by the Speaker to appropriate committees.

SEC. 28.

No bill for the charter, re-charter, or increase of capital of any bank, or for the alteration of county or town lines, or the removal or alteration of shires, shall be entertained by the House, unless it is made to appear to the committee to which it may have been referred that the required notice has been given.

SEC. 29.

The subject matter of each and every bill shall be briefly indicated in the title by the mover, at the time of its introduction; and every bill and resolution shall be properly folded, and the name of the mover, and the town he represents, shall be legibly written on the bottom of the same before it shall be offered.

SEC. 30.

A two-thirds vote of all present shall be required for the suspension of any rule of the House.

SEC. 31.

MOTIONS.

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be determined without debate.

SEC. 32.

Motions on bills and resolutions shall be sustained in the following order:

1. To dismiss.
2. To postpone to a day certain.
3. To lay on the table.
4. To commit.
5. To amend.

SEC. 33.

If the question in debate contains several points, the same shall be divided on the demand of a member. A motion to strike out or insert shall not be divided, but the rejection of a motion to strike out and insert one proposition shall not preclude a motion to strike out and insert a different one, or a motion simply to strike out prevent a subsequent one to strike out and insert.

SEC. 34.

In filling blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be the first in order.

SEC. 35.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The first hour of each morning's sitting may be devoted to the reception and disposal of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, motions, resolutions, and the introduction of bills; after which the orders of the day, or other proper business, shall be announced, always commencing with the unfinished business of the last sitting. The first hour of the afternoon's sitting may be occupied in the receiving and disposing of reports of committees, and in completing the business of the morning hour; at the expiration of which the House will again take up the orders of the day.

SEC. 36.

REPORTS.

Reports of committees may be signed by any member in behalf of the committee, and may be made to the House by any member

of the committee in person, or by laying the same on the Speaker's table during the afternoon hour. The signer of such report shall be held responsible for the accuracy of its statements, and the propriety of its language, and when the same shall be under consideration, he shall be further liable to answer all proper calls of any member of the House for additional statements of facts.

SEC. 37.

All bills and other matters reported to the House by committees, requiring the action of the House, shall be taken up and considered in the same order in which they are reported, unless the House should otherwise direct.

SEC. 38.

All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

SEC. 39.

After the second reading of all bills of a public character, the Clerk shall cause not less than three hundred copies of the same to be forthwith printed for the use of the members of the General Assembly.

SEC. 40.

All messages from the House of Representatives to the Senate shall be transmitted by its Clerk, or one of his Assistants.

SEC. 41.

At eight and one-half o'clock on the morning of the first day of the session, and before the House shall be called to order, the Clerk shall cause the seats to be vacated and shall place, in a box prepared for the purpose, ballots, designating by name the several towns in the State; and shall proceed to draw therefrom, impar-

tially, one ballot at a time until all are drawn. And as each ballot is drawn the member from the town designated by such ballot shall personally, if present, or may by proxy if absent, select his seat. If any member from any town so drawn should not be present either personally or by proxy at the time of such drawing, the town next drawn shall have preference.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have, on their part, adopted a joint resolution relative to the increasing expenses;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Proposed amendments to the forty-first rule, as reported by the Committee on Rules, by Mr. Chamberlin of Sharon, and Mr Lynde of Marlboro, were disagreed to;

And the report was adopted.

Joint resolution from the Senate, as follows:

WHEREAS, His Excellency, the Governor, in his message has called the attention of the General Assembly to the necessity of a reduction in the expenses of the State; and

WHEREAS, The ordinary expenses were increased during the rebellion in consequence of additional duties imposed upon its officers and the increase of prices occasioned by the depreciation of the currency; and

WHEREAS, The total ordinary expenses of the State in 1861, including two sessions of the General Assembly, excluding war expenditures and interest on debt, and deducting fees, fines and costs received by the State, were about one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, The total ordinary expenses of the State for the year ending August 1, 1876, excluding war expenditures and interest on the debt, were over two hundred and sixty-six thousand

dollars, after deducting fees, fines and costs received by the State; and

WHEREAS, There is a demand by the people for a more economical administration of the government in all its branches so that our taxes may be reduced to the lowest possible amount consistent with the proper and efficient administration of our State; therefore

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That a joint committee consisting of three Senators and five Representatives be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, to take into consideration the subject of the increase of our State expenditures, and report by bill or otherwise;

Which was read and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Secretary of State is hereby authorized to procure the printing of three hundred copies of the Legislative Directory in paper covers in addition to those now provided by law, and he is hereby directed to hold them for distribution among the members of the next succeeding legislature on the first day of the session;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry introduced a bill entitled

H. 3. An act changing the time of holding County Court in the County of Windham;

Which was read the first and second times, and referred to a committee consisting of all the members from Windham County.

Mr. Macomber of Westford offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to excessive and hasty legislation is important, and is appreciated by this body;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Estey of Brattleboro moved that the vote adopting the resolution relating to State institutions and charities, be reconsidered.

Mr. Colton of Irasburgh moved that the motion to reconsider be ordered to lie, which was lost, and the motion to reconsider was agreed to ;

And on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea, the resolution was *Ordered* to lie.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Hutchins of Hancock,

H. 4. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Hancock ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Kelton of Montgomery,

H. 5. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Montgomery for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part appointed the following named Senators a joint committee to canvass the votes for County officers :

Addison County	Mr. Seymour.
Bennington County	" Guild.
Caledonia County	" Belden.
Chittenden County	" Spaulding.
Essex County	" Storrs.
Franklin County	" Hull.
Grand Isle County	" Landon.
Lamoille County	" Wheelock.
Orange County	" Lynde.

Orleans County	" Grout.
Rutland County	" Brigham.
Washington County	" Richardson.
Windham County	" Butterfield.
Windsor County	" Davis.

The Senate have on their part appointed the following joint committees :

Under Fourth Joint Rule.

Senator Carpenter,
 " Thompson,
 " Butterfield.

On Joint Rules.

Senator Spaulding,
 " Cushman.

On Reform School.

Senator Simons,
 " Seymour,
 " Richardson,
 " Whitcomb,
 " Wheelock.

On Library.

Senator Wheelock,
 " Huntington.

The Senate have appointed the following named Senators a committee on the part of the Senate, to canvass votes for Members of Congress :

First Congressional District.

Addison County	Mr. Eldridge,
Bennington County	" Mason,
Rutland County	" Williams,

Washington County . . . " Walton.

Second Congressional District.

Caledonia County . . . Mr. Thompson,

Orange County . . . " George,

Windsor County . . . " Cushman,

Windham County . . . " Waterman.

Third Congressional District.

Chittenden County . . . Mr. Leavenworth,

Grand Isle County . . . " Landon,

Lamoille County . . . " Wheelock,

Orleans County . . . " Carpenter,

Essex County . . . " Storrs,

Franklin County . . . " Sowles.

On motion of Mr. Newton of St. Albans the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this House adjourns this afternoon, it shall be until two o'clock Monday afternoon next ;

Which was read and adopted. Yeas 91, nays 51.

On motion of Mr. Eaton of Danville, the House adjourned.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1876.

The House convened at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Mr. Calvin T. Josselyn presented his credentials as the representative of the town of Bridgewater ;

Which being in due form, he was sworn and admitted to his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. William P. Dillingham presented his credentials as the representative of the town of Waterbury ;

Which being in due form, he was sworn and admitted to his seat in the House.

Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday evening, October 17, 1876, be granted to the Vermont Historical Society, for their annual meeting, and address by Hon. Edward A. Sowles, of St. Albans, upon the " St. Albans Raid ;".

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Colton of Irasburgh offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Board of Agriculture, Manufactures and Mining, for a meeting of the Board to be held on the evening of Tuesday, the 24th inst. ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read twice, and referred, as follows, to wit :

By Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes,

H. 6. An act in amendment of section fifteen, chapter twenty, of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Evans of Moretown,

H. 7. An act to amend an act approved November 19, 1866, entitled an act to amend section thirteen of chapter forty seven of the General Statutes, entitled "Of levy of execution ;"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sherwood of Fairfield offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That a committee of two Senators and three members of the House of Representatives be appointed, to whom shall be referred all bills, petitions, and other matters relating to the condition of the insane in the State of Vermont, or to their care and treatment, and all matters relating to the Vermont Insane Asylum, or to the admission of the insane to asylums in the State ;

Which was read.

Mr. Hayward of Weybridge moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto the words, "and such committee shall have power to send for persons and papers ;"

Which amendment was agreed to, and on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock the resolution was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Randall of Hyde Park introduced a bill entitled

H. 8. An act changing the time of holding the county court and court of chancery of the county of Lamoille ;

Which was read the first and second times, and referred to a committee consisting of all the members from Lamoille County.

The following resolutions were severally offered, read and adopted :

By Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the battle of Bennington, and the centennial year and its observance, be referred to a special committee of seven members of this House, to be appointed by the chair.

By Mr. Jenkins of Burke,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the procuring of a larger and more convenient room for the State Library, be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Town Libraries, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Eaton of Danville introduced a bill entitled

H. 9. An act to assess and tax national bank surplus funds ;

Which was read the first and second times, and referred to the Committee on the Grand List.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered joint resolution from the House relating to procuring additional copies of the Legislative Directory ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate have adopted, on their part, a joint resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the Vermont Historical Society ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read twice, and referred, as follows, to wit :

By Mr. Dean of Barnard,

H. 10. An act entitled " An act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office," approved November 26, 1872 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 11. An act to amend section forty-four of chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of the Probate Court.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Martin of Londonderry,

H. 12. An act relating to trustee process ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Brookins of Shoreham,

H. 13. An act granting a ferry to Almon C. Farr, at Larabee's Point ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Celley of Fairlee offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the assessment of taxes, be referred to the Committee on the Grand List ;

Which was read and adopted.

A joint resolution by Mr. Lazell of Dover as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Secretary of State be hereby authorized and instructed to procure for the use of the General Assembly, during the present session, a copy of each of the weekly newspapers printed in the State, to be placed in the reading room of the State Library.

Was read and its adoption refused.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution relating to the appointment of a joint committee for the consideration of matters pertaining to Game and Fisheries ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

A joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That a joint standing committee to consist of two Senators and five Representatives to be denominated the Committee on Game and Fisheries, be appointed, to whom shall be referred all bills, petitions, and other matters relating to the protection and preservation of game and fish in this State ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

A joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 17, 1876, be granted to the Vermont Historical Society, for their annual meeting and address by Hon. Edward A. Sowles, of St. Albans, upon the "St. Albans Raid ;"

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following joint committee on the part of the House, to canvass the votes for County Officers, Judges of Probate and Justices of the Peace :

Addison County . . Mr. Birkett of Ferrisburgh,

“ Briggs of Granville,

“ Brown of Goshen.

Bennington County . . “ Prouty of Winhall,

“ Howard of Shaftsbury,

“ Hamilton of Sandgate.

Caledonia County .	" Russell of Kirby,
	" Eaton of Danville,
	" Willey of Sutton.
Chittenden County .	" Prindle of Charlotte,
	" McGregor of So Burlington,
	" Isham of St. George.
Essex County . . .	" Blodgett of Bloomfield,
	" Fitch of Brunswick,
	" Follansby of Guildhall.
Franklin County . .	" Webster of Franklin,
	" Sherwood of Fairfield,
	" Parsons of Fletcher.
Grand Isle County .	" Lengfeld of Isle La Motte,
	" Knight of North Hero,
	" Tracy of South Hero.
Lamoille County . .	" Fuller of Eden,
	" Hodgkins of Belvidere,
	" Darling of Morristown.
Orange County . .	" Cummings of Thetford,
	" Clark of Strafford,
	" Rowland of Corinth.
Orleans County . .	" Wells of Brownington,
	" Pinney of Holland,
	" Kelley of Salem.
Rutland County . .	" Bucklin of Danby,
	" Francis of Wells,
	" Ranney of Pittsfield.
Washington County .	" Dewey of Berlin,
	" Burnap of Calais,
	" Evans of Moretown.
Windham County . .	" Sargent of Wilmington,
	" Burnap of Somerset,
	" Hager of Halifax.

Windsor County . . . “ Stearns of Weathersfield,
“ Savage of West Windsor,
“ Sargent of Norwich.

The Speaker announced the appointment on the part of the House of the following

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Under the Fourth Joint Rule.

Mr. Howe of Springfield,
“ Sherwood of Fairfield,
“ Lyford of Woodbury.

On the Reform School.

Mr. Sprague of Brandon,
“ Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,
“ Martin of Chelsea,
“ Newton of St. Albans, .
“ Porter of Cornwall,
“ Estey of Brattleboro,
“ Jennings of Hubbardton.

On the Library.

Mr. French of Woodstock,
“ Jenkins of East Haven,
“ Chamberlin of Sharon.

The Speaker also announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Elections.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry,
“ Thornton of Hartland,
“ Darling of Worcester,
“ Page of Groton,
“ Chadwick of Sheldon,

Mr. Bartlett of Shelburne,

“ Webster of Sudbury.

On Federal Relations.

Mr. Abell of West Haven,

“ Randall of Hyde Park,

“ Coolidge of Plymouth,

“ Bushnell of Starksboro,

“ Cummings of Thetford,

“ Lengfeld of Isle La Motte,

“ Rood of Jericho.

On Ways and Means.

Mr. Lynde of Marlboro,

“ Sprague of Brandon,

“ Newton of St. Albans,

“ Bailey of Fair Haven,

“ Pollard of Windsor,

“ Landon of Williston,

“ Dean of Barnard.

On Military Affairs.

Mr. Franklin of Newfane,

“ Sheldon of Rutland,

“ Estey of Brattleboro,

“ Blodgett of Bloomfield,

“ Jackman of Topsham,

“ Johnson of Leicester,

“ Slayton of Stowe.

On the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes,

“ French of Woodstock,

“ Henry of Chester,

Mr. Abell of West Haven,

- " Ladd of Alburgh,
- " Wales of Burlington,
- " Batchelder of Arlington,
- " Martin of Londonderry,
- " Dillingham of Waterbury.

On Education.

Mr. Spaulding of Barre,

- " Olmsted of Townshend,
- " Calderwood of Greensboro,
- " DuBois of Randolph,
- " Hotchkiss of Georgia,
- " Abell of Orwell,
- " Eaton of Danville.

On Claims.

Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

- " Barrett of Grafton,
- " Colton of Irasburgh,
- " Denny of Northfield,
- " Roscoe of New Haven,
- " Skinner of Royalton,
- " Eayres of Pittsford,
- " Adams of Newbury,
- " Potter of Swanton.

On Railroads.

Mr. Martin of Chelsea,

- " Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,
- " Battell of Ripton,
- " Dillingham of Waterbury,
- " Taylor of Sherburne,
- " Swain of Rockingham,

Mr. McFarland of Johnson,

“ Taylor of Morgan,

“ Aldrich of Woodford.

On Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Webster of Franklin,

“ Tyler of Waitsfield,

“ Webb of Shrewsbury,

“ Eaton of Rochester,

“ Kent of Panton,

“ Farrington of Searaburgh,

“ Ellis of Huntington.

On Banks.

Mr. Bailey of Fair Haven,

“ DuBois of Randolph,

“ Safford of Westminster,

“ Hazelton of Cavendish,

“ Braley of Troy,

“ Peake of Bristol,

“ Page of Cambridge.

On Manufactures.

Mr. Nelson of Derby,

“ Edwards of Colchester,

“ Gray of Middletown,

“ Batchelder of Lincoln,

“ Lindsay of Hartford,

“ Sheldon of Rupert,

“ Shores of Granby.

On Agriculture.

Mr. Skeels of Highgate,

“ Stoddard of Poultney,

“ Coburn of East Montpelier,

Mr. Paul of Pomfret,
“ Brookins of Shoreham,
“ Lengfeld of Isle La Motte,
“ Mason of Pownal,
“ Boynton of Hinesburg,
“ Parker of Putney,
“ Burbank of Coventry,
“ Crane of Williamstown,
“ Watts of Peacham,
“ Darling of Morristown,
“ Shaw of Victory.

On Grand List.

Mr. Sabin of Montpelier,
“ Adams of Enosburgh,
“ Buchanan of Barnet,
“ Blake of Barton,
“ Hayward of Weybridge,
“ Bourn of Manchester,
“ Foster of Weston,
“ Alexander of Guilford,
“ Tabor of Mount Tabor,
“ Celley of Fairlee,
“ Nichols of Essex,
“ Knight of North Hero,
“ Randall of Hyde Park,
“ Wright of Lunenburg.

General Committee.

Mr. Peck of Ira,
“ Crane of Bridport,
“ Romaine of Glastenbury
“ Sulloway of Wheelock,

Mr. Isham of St. George,

“ Andrew of Brighton,

“ Kelton of Montgomery,

“ Pearl of Grand Isle,

“ Wilbur of Waterville,

“ Bliss of Bradford,

“ Curtis of Lowell,

“ Eaton of Middlesex,

“ Sargent of Wilmington,

“ Patrick of Ludlow.

Distributing Committee.

Mr. Needham of Whiting,

“ Haynes of Landgrove,

“ Fairbanks of Newark,

“ Macomber of Westford,

“ Titus of Lemington,

“ Parsons of Fletcher,

“ Pearl of Grand Isle,

“ Gale of Elmore,

“ Titus of Vershire,

“ Clark of Jay,

“ Calvin of Clarendon,

“ Dewey of Berlin,

“ Lazell of Dover,

“ Freeman of Baltimore.

Land Tax Committee.

Mr. Hutchinson of Hancock,

“ Houghton of Readsboro,

“ Brown of Waterford,

“ Macomber of Westford,

“ Frizzell of Canaan,

Mr. Ufford of Fairfax,

- " Tracy of South Hero,
- " Hodgkins of Belvidere,
- " Clark of Strafford,
- " Whitcher of Westfield,
- " Goodrich of Benson,
- " Tilden of Roxbury,
- " Johnson of Vernon,
- " Stannard of Andover.

On State Prison.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

- " Mr. Lynde of Marlboro,
- " White of Washington,
- " Parker of Reading,
- " Guernsey of Castleton,
- " Adams of Enosburgh,
- " Lincoln of Lyndon.

On Corporations.

Mr. Henry of Chester,

- " Hinman of Charleston,
- " Hapgood of Underhill,
- " Kingsley of Salisbury,
- " Webster of Cabot,
- " Huling of Bennington,
- " Crandall of Hardwick.

On Town Lines.

Mr. Everest of Addison,

- " Prindle of Charlotte,
- " Wheeler of Berkshire,
- " Howe of Tunbridge,
- " Dickerman of Wallingford,

Mr. Pitkin of Marshfield,
“ Howe of Springfield.

On Mileage and Debentures.

Mr. Birkett of Ferrisburgh,
“ Simonds of Peru,
“ Winchester of Stannard,
“ McGregor of South Burlington,
“ Fitch of Brunswick,
“ Chase of Richford,
“ Knight of North Hero,
“ Fuller of Eden,
“ Camp of Orange,
“ Wells of Brownington,
“ Hopkins of Tinmouth,
“ Burnap of Calais,
“ Ranney of Athens,
“ Thornton of Hartland.

On Public Buildings.

Mr. Sheldon of Rutland,
“ Sabin of Montpelier,
“ Estey of Brattleboro,
“ Clark of Stockbridge,
“ Templeton of Glover,
“ Jenkins of Burke,
“ Rose of Waltham.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following

SPECIAL COMMITTEE,

to whom was referred that part of the Governor's message relating to jails and workshops :

Mr. Wales of Burlington,
“ Kelton of Montgomery,
“ French of Woodstock,
“ Olmsted of Townshend,
“ Blake of Barton,
“ Crandall of Hardwick,
“ Sheldon of Rutland.

The Speaker announced the following named members to constitute the committee on the part of the House to canvass votes for Members of Congress :

First Congressional District.

Addison County . . Mr. Barnum of Monkton,
“ Rose of Waltham,
“ Bushnell of Starksboro.
Bennington County . “ Haynes of Landgrove,
“ Farwell of Dorset,
“ Burt of Sunderland.
Rutland County . . “ Goodrich of Benson,
“ Webster of Sudbury,
“ Ranger of Mendon.
Washington County . “ Hemenway of Warren,
“ Farrand of Duxbury,
“ Tilden of Roxbury.

Second Congressional District.

Caledonia County . Mr. Winchester of Stannard,
“ Davis of Walden,
“ Drake of Sheffield.
Orange County . . “ Camp of Orange,
“ Titus of Vershire,
“ Crane of Williamstown.

- Windsor County . . Mr. Sturtevant of Bethel,
 " Stannard of Andover,
 " Josselyn of Bridgewater.
 Windham County . . " Gleason of Wardsboro,
 " Willis of Stratton,
 " Lazell of Dover.

Third Congressional District.

- Chittenden County . Mr. Rood of Jericho,
 " Macomber of Westford,
 " Beers of Bolton.
 Essex County . . . " Titus of Lemington,
 " Wright of Lunenburg,
 " Shaw of Victory.
 Franklin County . . " Chase of Richford,
 " Ufford of Fairfax,
 " Brigham of Bakersfield.
 Grand Isle County . " Ladd of Alburgh,
 " Pearl of Grand Isle,
 " Knight of North Hero.
 Lamoille County . . " Slayton of Stowe,
 " Randall of Hyde Park,
 " Wilbur of Waterville.
 Orleans County . . " Cheney of Westmore,
 " Hoyt of Craftsbury,
 " Burbank of Coventry.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington introduced a bill entitled

H. 14. An act to amend section one of chapter thirty-seven of the General Statutes, changing the time of summoning the Grand Jury in Bennington County ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred to a committee consisting of all the members from Bennington County.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have adopted on their part a joint resolution relative to visiting the Reform School at Vergennes ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

A joint resolution from the Senate, as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That when the two Houses adjourn Thursday afternoon, the 12th instant, it be to meet at ten o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, the 14th instant, in order to enable the members thereof to visit and inspect the Reform School at Vergennes, on Friday, the 18th instant; and that the presiding officers of the two Houses are authorized and requested to make the proper arrangements with the managers of the Central Vermont Railroad Company for that purpose ;

Was read.

Mr. French of Woodstock moved that the resolution be ordered to lie, which motion was lost, and the resolution was adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Henry of Chester introduced a bill entitled

H. 15. An act to amend section seven of an act approved Nov. 22, 1870, entitled an act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to Schools ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven moved that the House do now adjourn ;

Which motion was lost.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows, to wit:

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 16. An act to legalize the grand list of the city of Burlington, for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

To Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. McFarland of Johnson,

H. 17. An act in addition to an act entitled an act in amendment of section one, of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the Grand List, approved Nov. 20, 1868 ;

To Committee on the Grand List.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Brandon the House adjourned

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Wales of Burlington offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted the Vermont Bible Society, on Wednesday evening, the 18th of October, inst., for the purpose of holding the anniversary of that Society ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Swain of Rockingham,

H. 18. An act to authorize the "Proprietors of the Saxton's River Meeting-House," or the "Saxton's River Meeting-House Society," to sell and convey to School District No. ten in Rockingham, and six in Westminster, their remaining interest in the Saxton's River Village Meeting-House, with a petition which was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

H. 19. An act repealing sections three, four and five, and

amending section nine, of an act regulating the capture of Fish and Game, approved Nov. 24, 1874 ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Randall of Hyde Park,

H. 20. An act laying a tax on the county of Lamoille ;

To a committee consisting of all the members from the county of Lamoille.

By Mr. Josselyn of Bridgewater,

H. 21. An act entitled an act for the more effectual suppression of vagrancy in Vermont ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered joint resolutions from the House as follows :

Joint resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the Board of Agriculture, Manufactures and Mining ;

Joint resolution granting the use of the Representatives' Hall to the Vermont Historical Society ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

Mr. French of Woodstock called up the joint resolution referring to the insane and the insane asylum, and on motion of Mr. French the resolution was referred

To the Committee on Joint Rules.

Joint resolutions were severally offered, read and adopted on the part of the House, as follows :

By Mr. Sprague of Brandon,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday, October 24, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, to elect a Secretary of State, Audi-

tor of Accounts, Sergeant-at-Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Quartermaster General, Judge Advocate General, Railroad Commissioner, Commissioner of Insane, Superintendent of the State Prison, three Directors of the State Prison, three Trustees of the Reform School and three Trustees of the Vermont University and Agricultural College.

By Mr. Coburn of East Montpelier,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Vermont Dairymen's Association on the evening of Wednesday, the 25th inst., for the purpose of listening to an address by X A. Willard.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following persons on the part of the House as members of the

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

On Game and Fisheries.

Mr. Parrett of Grafton,

“ Ladd of Alburgh,

“ Erwin of Newport,

“ Battell of Ripton,

“ Bucklin of Danby.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted of Townshend, the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes in the chair.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows, to wit :

By Mr. Blake of Barton,

H. 22. An act to enable the pew owners and proprietors of the old Congregational Meeting-House in Barton Village, to dispose of the same ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hinman of Charleston,

H. 23. An act to amend chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Statutes, entitled "Of offences against the lives and persons of individuals ;"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Brigham of Bakersfield,

H. 24. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bakersfield for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Buchanan of Barnet,

H. 25. An act to pay George H. French the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Randall of Hyde Park,

H. 26. An act entitled an act to pay E. J. Hall the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Randall of Hyde Park,

H. 27. An act entitled an act to pay Robert C. Barnes the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Mr. French of Woodstock offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to criminal prosecutions, and the Grand Jury system, be referred to the Judiciary Committee ;

Which was read and adopted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered joint resolution from the House relating to granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the Vermont Dairymen's Association ;

Also, joint resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the Vermont Bible Society ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Sheldon of Rutland,

H. 28. An act to amend "An act to amend section one of chapter eighty of the General Statutes ;"

To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

H. 29. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Sandgate for the years 1874 and 1875 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 30. An act to pay William H. Lane and son the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Sheldon of Rutland,

H. 31. An act in amendment of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 32. An act to simplify indictments for murder and manslaughter ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Sargent of Wilmington,

H. 33. An act to protect fish in Ray Pond, in Wilmington ;

To the Joint Committee on Game and Fisheries.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution inviting the Hon. Edward Conant to address the members of the Legislature ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Joint resolution inviting the Hon. Edward Conant to address the members of the Legislature and tendering him the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be given to the Hon. Edward Conant, State Superintendent of Education, on Thursday evening, October 19th, and that he be requested to address the members of the Legislature at that time and place, upon the educational interests of the State ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Henry of Chester, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington introduced a bill entitled

H. 34. An act in addition to section twenty-five, chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to attachment of property by copy ;

Which was read the first and second times, and referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. French of Woodstock presented the petition of George L. Fletcher and others, citizens of the town of Chester, relating to the election of Osgood P. Herrick as a Justice of the Peace, for the town of Chester ;

Which was referred to the Committee appointed on the part of the House to canvass votes for County and Probate officers and Justices of the Peace.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution providing for Joint Assembly to hear the report of the Committee to canvass votes for County and Probate officers ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to hear the report of the Joint Committee to canvass the votes for County and Probate officers :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at three o'clock this afternoon, to hear the report of the Joint Committee appointed to canvass

the votes for County and Probate officers, and to fill any vacancies in any of said offices ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

The following bills were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Willis of Stratton,

H. 35. An act to pay Melvin F. Pike the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Adams of Newbury, ■

H. 36. An act to pay John Bailey, Jr., the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hayward of Weybridge,

H. 37. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Weybridge for the year A. D. 1876 ;

Which with the petition of Philo Jewett accompanying the same, was referred

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 38. An act to extend the provisions of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, as to the powers and duties of Town Clerks ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Sprague of Brandon,

H. 39. An act relating to highways ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Sprague of Brandon,

H. 40. An act in amendment of an act, entitled an act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State, approved Nov. 24, 1874 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

The hour for the Joint Assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The Joint Assembly having concluded its session the Speaker *pro tempore*, Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes, resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Hayward of Weybridge, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Battell of Ripton offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the joint resolution which provides for visiting the Reform School at Vergennes, on the 13th inst., which has been adopted by both branches of this Assembly, be and is hereby rescinded and repealed ;

The question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ?

Mr. Peck of Ira moved that the resolution be

Ordered to lie.

And the question being, Shall the resolution be ordered to lie?

It was decided in the affirmative—yeas 155, nays 58.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Eaton of Danville, were taken, and are as follows :

The members who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,
Adams of Enosburgh,
Bailey,
Barnum,
Barrett,
Bartlett,
Batchelder of Arlington,
Birkett,
Bliss,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,
Bourn,
Boynton,
Braley,
Briggs,
Brigham,
Brookline,
Brown of Goshen,

Brown of Pawlet,
Brown of Waterford,
Buchanan,
Bucklin,
Burbank,
Burnap of Calais,
Burnap of Somerset,
Burt,
Bushnell,
Calderwood,
Chamberlin,
Cheney,
Clark of Jay,
Clark of Stockbridge,
Coburn,
Colvin,
Crandall,
Crane of Bridport,

Crane of Williamstown,
Darling of Morristown,
Darling of Worcester,
Denny,
Dewey,
Dickerman,
Drake,
Du Bois,
Eaton of Middlesex,
Eayres,
Edwards,
Ellis,
Estey,
Everest,
Farrington,
Farwell,
Fitch,
Foster,

Freeman,	McFarland,	Rood,
French,	McGregor,	Roscoe,
Frizzell,	Mack,	Rowland,
Gillett,	Macomber,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Guernsey,	Martin of Chelsea,	Savage,
Hager,	Martin of Londonderry,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Hamilton,	Mason,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Hapgood,	Morrissey,	Sherwood,
Hazelton,	Needham,	Simons,
Henry,	Nelson,	Skinner,
Hodgkins,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Spaulding,
Hopkins,	Newton of St. Albans,	~~SPEAKER~~ ,
Hotchkiss,	Nichols,	Sprague,
Houghton,	Olmsted,	Stearns,
Howard,	Page of Cambridge,	Sturges,
Howe of Springfield,	Page of Groton,	Sulloway,
Howe of Tunbridge,	Parker of Putney,	Tabor,
Huling,	Parker of Reading,	Taylor of Morgan,
Jenkins of Burke,	Parsons,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Jenkins of East Haven,	Patrick,	Templeton,
Jennings,	Paul,	Titus of Lemington,
Johnson of Leicester,	Peake,	Titus of Vershire,
Johnson of Vernon,	Pearl,	Tracy,
Johnston,	Peck,	Uford,
Josselyn,	Perry,	Wales,
Kelley,	Pinney,	Webb,
Kelton,	Pitkin,	Webster of Franklin,
Kingsley,	Pollard,	Wells,
Ladd,	Pringle,	Wheeler,
Landon,	Prouty,	Whitcher,
Lazelle,	Randall,	White,
Lincoln,	Ranney of Athens,	Willey,
Lindsay,	Ranney of Pittsfield,	Winchester,
Long,	Reed,	Wright—155.
Lyford,	Romaine,	

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,	Evans,	Sabin,
Adams of Newbury,	Fairbanks,	Safford,
Aldrich,	Farrand,	Sargent of Norwich,
Alexander,	Follansby,	Shores,
Andrew,	Ford,	Skels,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Francis,	Slayton,
Battell,	Franklin,	Spear,
Blake,	Fuller,	Stannard,
Camp,	Gale,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Celley,	Gleason,	Stoddard of Foultnay,
Chadwick,	Goodrich,	Sturtevant,
Chase,	Haynes,	Swain,
Colton,	Hayward,	Tilden,
Coolidge,	Hemenway,	Townshend,
Cummings,	Hoyt,	Tyler,
Davis,	Hutchinson,	Watts,
Dean,	Kent,	Webster of Cabot,
Dillingham,	Knight,	Webster of Sudbury,
Eastman,	Potter,	Wilbur,
Eaton of Danville,	Richardson,	Willis—58.
Eaton of Rochester,	Russell,	

So the resolution was

Ordered to lie.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution relative to the salaries of State officers ;

Also, a joint resolution directing the standing committees on

State Prison to jointly visit the institution and report thereon ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Joint resolutions from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Standing Committees of the Senate and House on the State Prison, be directed to jointly visit and inspect the State Prison at Windsor, and report to their respective Houses as to the sanitary condition and discipline of the prison and prisoners, and also if any legislation or appropriation is necessary for the welfare of the institution, with power to send for persons and papers ;

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Joint Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the increase of our State expenses, be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary, relative to the salaries of the State officers and employes, as now provided by law, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Kelton of Montgomery offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the " Board of Agriculture, Manufactures and Mining," be referred to the Committee on Agriculture ;

Which was read and adopted.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Blodgett of Bloomfield,

H. 41. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bloomfield for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Parker of Reading,

H. 42. An act to regulate fees for justice writs ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Estey of Brattleboro,

H. 43. An act to incorporate the Glenwood Classical Seminary ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Pollard of Windsor,

H. 44. An act to pay William H. Boynton the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Josselyn of Bridgewater,

H. 45. An act in amendment of act No. 50, of 1866, changing the standard weight of oats ;

To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Sheldon of Rutland,

H. 46. An act to amend section one of an act relating to the division of public money among school districts, and in amendment of section eighty-six of chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, approved Nov. 24, 1874 ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Martin of Chelsea,

H. 47. An act to change the names of certain persons therein named ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. French of Woodstock,

H. 48. An act establishing the salaries of certain State officials ;

By Mr. Skeels of Highgate,

H. 49. An act in amendment of section four of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the grand list ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. French of Woodstock offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire as to the necessity of having both an Adju-

tant and Inspector General, and an Assistant Adjutant General ; and as to the salaries of said officers ; and also as to the salary of the Quartermaster General ; and report by bill or otherwise ;

Which was read and adopted and referred

To the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Special Committee composed of the members from Caledonia County, to whom was referred

H. 1. An act laying a tax on the County of Caledonia ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by inserting the word " two " in the blank in the first line of section one, so that it shall read " There is hereby assessed a tax of *two* cents on the dollar ;"

The House agreed to the amendment proposed by the Committee, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Tuesday afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Moretown, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Wales, for the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred

H. 11. An act to amend section forty-four of chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of Probate Courts ;

Reported in favor of its passage.

And the bill was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

H. 50. An act to incorporate the Alburgh Springs Manufacturing Company ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Abell of Orwell,

H. 51. An act to amend section two of chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the State Prison.

By Mr. Thornton of Hartland,

H. 52. An act in addition to chapter twelve of the General Statutes, entitled " Of County Jails, and confinement and discharge of prisoners ;"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Adams of Enosburgh,

H. 53. An act to change the name of a certain person therein named ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 54. An act for the punishment of attempts to commit offences ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Webster of Franklin,

H. 55. An act for the better preservation of Black Bass in Franklin Pond ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury,

H. 56. An act in amendment of section twenty, chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have appointed as the committee on their part under joint resolution relative to the increase of State expenses :

Senator Williams,

" Cushman,

" Lynde.

The Senate have appointed as the committee on their part under joint resolution relative to Game and Fisheries :

Senator Brigham,

“ Leavenworth,

“ Guild.

Mr. Olmsted of Townshend moved that the House take a recess until three o'clock ;

Which motion was lost.

The hour for the joint assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The joint assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker *pro tempore*, Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes, resumed the chair.

The Chair announced the following persons as the committee on the part of the House under the joint resolution relating to the increase of State expenditures, viz. :

Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,

“ DuBois of Randolph.

“ Bailey of Fairhaven,

“ Newton of St. Albans,

“ Crane of Williamstown.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Bradford, the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Thursday read and approved.

Mr. Henry of Chester offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this forenoon, it shall be until two and one-half o'clock on Monday afternoon next ;

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Newbury, the House adjourned.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1876.

The House convened at two and one-half o'clock in the afternoon.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to procure the printing of fifty copies of all public bills, in addition to the three hundred heretofore ordered ;

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury, the House adjourned.

Ayes 35 ; nays 6.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Swain of Rockingham,

H. 57. An act in relation to the election of Electors for President and Vice-President ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Barrett of Grafton,

H. 58. An act in relation to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, entitled "Common Schools and School Laws ;"

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,

H. 59. An act to enable the village of St. Johnsbury to issue its bonds ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Shores of Granby,

H. 60. An act in amendment of section thirteen of an act entitled "An act regulating the capture of Fish and Game," approved, November 24, 1874 ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Lincoln of Lyndon,

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Sheldon of Rutland,

H. 62. An act to pay the town of Rutland the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Page of Groton,

H. 63. An act to pay Henry C. Glover the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,

H. 64. An act relating to Cemetery Associations ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 65. An act to incorporate the Oampbell Mineral Spring Company ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

H. 66. An act to change the name of Thomas B. Jameson to Burr J. Chappell ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Webster of Franklin,

H. 67. An act to pay Harrison Gates the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Macomber of Westford,

H. 68. An act to extend the benefits of Common Schools ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven,

H. 69. An act entitled an act to pay N. R. Reed the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. French of Woodstock,

H. 70. An act in amendment of section twenty-four, chapter thirty-six of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,

H. 71. An act in amendment of section forty-seven, chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes, relating to "Salaries, Fees, &c. ;"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Fuller of Eden,

H. 72. An act entitled an act to amend section nine of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Grand List ;"

To the Committee on the Grand List.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have adopted on their part a joint resolution

relating to the report of the canvassing committee appointed to canvass votes for Members of Congress ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

A joint resolution from the Senate, as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in joint assembly to morrow afternoon at two and one-half o'clock, to receive the report of the joint committee appointed to canvass the votes for Members of Congress ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Clark of Stockbridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of legislation, be referred to the General Committee ;

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Andrew of Brighton, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from various committees in favor of their passage, read the third time and passed, as follows :

By Mr. Huling, from the Committee on Corporations,

H. 31. An act in amendment of an act entitled " An act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company ; "

By Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List,

H. 4. An act to legalize the Grand List of the town of Hancock for 1875.

H. 1. An act laying a tax on the county of Caledonia ;

Was taken up as a special order, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Eaton of Danville, offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The citizens of Vermont have suffered to a large

extent during the past year from a class of individuals known as tramps ; therefore

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be requested to take this matter into consideration, and report to the House by bill or otherwise, some suitable and effective measures to protect the people of this State from the incursions of this class of vagabonds ;

Which was read and adopted.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Hapgood of Underhill,

H. 73. An act to amend section twenty-five, chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Josselyn of Bridgewater,

H. 74. An act in addition to section eight, chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 75. An act relating to the conveyance of real estate by husband to wife ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Wales of Burlington, the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures by the Chaplain, and prayer by Rev. D. Foss of Middletown, Conn.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Page of Cambridge,

H. 76. An act in amendment of sections nineteen and fifty of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the Grand List ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Adams of Newbury,

H. 77. An act to incorporate the Newbury Seminary and Female Institute ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Huling of Bennington,

H. 78. An act entitled an act to amend section two of an act, approved November 22, 1864, in amendment of chapter twenty-five of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Tracy of South Hero,

H. 79. An act relating to husbands and wives ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Macomber of Westford,

H. 80. An act to amend an act entitled an act relating to the collection of highway taxes ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Sprague of Brandon,

H. 81. An act to empower Fire District No. 1, in Brandon, to bring water into said district, and to issue its bonds for that purpose ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

An act in addition to chapter fifty-one of the General Statutes, entitled " Of the administration and distribution of intestate estates ;"

An act relating to the duties of Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered a House bill entitled :

An act to amend section forty-four of chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of the Probate Court ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

H. 82. An act in amendment of sections ten, eleven and twelve of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DuBois of Randolph,

H. 83. An act to pay Daniel C. Jones and Luke Parrish the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Evans of Moretown,

H. 84. An act to repeal an act approved November 22, 1870, relating to divorce ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. French of Woodstock,

H. 85. An act to legalize the Grand List of the town of Woodstock for the year 1867 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times, and referred, as follows :

S. 3. An act in addition to chapter fifty-one of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the administration and distribution of intestate estates ;"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 6. An act relating to the duties of Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sargent of Wilmington introduced a bill entitled :

H. 86. An act to protect fish in Deerfield river and its tributaries ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled :

H. 56. An act in amendment of section twenty, chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage ; whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Huling, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled :

H. 65. An act to incorporate the Campbell Mineral Spring Company ;

Reported in favor of its passage ; whereupon the bill was read

the third time and, on motion of Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes, was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled :

H. 10. An act entitled an act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relative to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office, approved November 26, 1872 ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by striking out in the eighth line after the word " within " and before the word " days," the words " forty-five," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *sixty*. The House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Blake of Barton,

H. 87. An act to pay Orrin Cutler the sum therein named ;
To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Erwin of Newport,

H. 88. An act to pay James Connal the sum therein named ;
To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. DuBois of Randolph,

H. 89. An act to pay Samuel Howard the sum therein named ;
To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Parker of Putney,

H. 90. An act to pay David Stearns the sum therein named ;
To the Committee on Claims.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from various committees favorably to their passage, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List,

H. 37. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Weybridge for the year 1876 ;

H. 29. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Sandgate for the years 1874 and 1875.

Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled :

H. 17. An act in addition to an act entitled : "An act in amendment of section one of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the grand list," approved November 20, 1868 ;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the House bill entitled :

H. 62. An act to pay the town of Rutland the sum therein named ;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Sprague of Brandon, the bill was recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Stockbridge, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled :

H. 38. An act to extend the provisions of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, as to the powers and duties of town clerks ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow afternoon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution relating

to the printing of the address of the Hon. Edward A. Sowles, delivered before the Vermont Historical Society, October 17, 1876 ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have passed a bill entitled :

An act to enable the village of St. Albans to issue its bonds ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled :

H. 63. An act to incorporate the Glenwood Classical Seminary ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Woodbridge, for the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled :

H. 31. An act in addition to section twenty-five, chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to attachment by copy ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow afternoon.

A joint resolution from the Senate, as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and hereby is, directed to procure the printing in pamphlet form of fifteen hundred copies of the address delivered before the Vermont Historical Society, on the 17th instant, by the Hon. Edward A. Sowles ; that there be furnished to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, two copies ; to each town clerk, one copy ; to each College Normal School and Academy in this State, one copy ; to the Governor, each of the Heads of Departments, and each Judge of the Supreme Court, one copy ; to the State Library, two hundred copies ; to the Vermont Historical Society, two hundred and fifty

opies, and that the remaining copies shall be divided between the public libraries in the State not otherwise supplied, under the direction of the State Librarian ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Senate bill entitled

S. 2. An act to enable the village of St. Albans to issue its bonds ;

Was read the first and second times and referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McFarland, from the special committee to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 8. An act changing the time of holding the County Court and Court of Chancery of the County of Lamoille ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by amending section one so as to read "*Shall hereafter be held on the fourth Tuesday in April and the first Tuesday in December ;*" by striking out all of section two, and by striking out in section four the words "*its passage,*" and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "*the first day of March, 1877 ;*"

Which amendments were agreed to, and the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Crane of Williamstown,

H. 91. An act laying a tax on Harris' Gore ;

To the Committee on Land Taxes.

By Mr. Titus of Vershire,

H. 92. An act entitled an act to pay Jeremiah McCarty the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,

H. 93. An act relating to Cemetery Associations ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

The hour for the Joint Assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The Joint Assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Joint Rules, submitted the following report :

To the House of Representatives :

The Committee on Joint Rules respectfully recommend the rules herewith reported to be the

JOINT RULES
OF THE
SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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RULE 1.

A Joint Assembly shall be formed by an union of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Hall of the latter, at such time and for such specific purpose only as may be expressed in a concurrent resolution of both Houses ; and may adjourn from time to time during the session of the General Assembly. The President of the Senate shall in all cases preside over, and the Secretary of State, or in his absence, the Secretary of the Senate, shall officiate as Clerk of every Joint Assembly.

RULE 2.

The proceedings of every Joint Assembly, including the resolution ordering the same, shall be recorded by the Clerk in a book kept for that purpose, which shall be preserved in the office of the Secretary of State, a copy of which shall be furnished to the Governor by the Secretary of State, and shall also be published with the Journal of the proceedings of the House of Representatives.

RULE 3.

The rules of the Senate, as far as applicable, shall be observed in regulating the proceedings of every Joint Assembly.

RULE 4.

A joint committee of three Senators and three Representatives shall be appointed by the presiding officers of the two Houses respectively, to whom may be referred all documents transmitted by the Governor for the use of the General Assembly, who shall report thereon to that House from which they were received.

RULE 5.

The committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, to whom the same subject matter shall have been referred, may, for the purpose of facilitating business, meet together as a joint committee, and make a joint or separate report to either or both Houses, as they may think expedient.

RULE 6.

In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, if either shall request a conference and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a committee on its part, such committees shall meet at a convenient hour, to be agreed upon by their chairman in the conference room, and state to each other, verbally or in writing the reasons of each House for its vote on the subject matter of disagreement, confer freely thereon, and make a report of their doings to their respective Houses as soon as may be.

RULE 7.

Committees of Conference shall consist of an equal number from each House, and shall return the papers referred to them to that House which last voted upon the subject matter of disagreement.

RULE 8.

After each House shall have adhered to the vote of disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

RULE 9.

When bills and resolutions are on their passage between the two Houses, they shall be verified by the attestation of the Secretary or Clerk of each House respectively, and all joint resolutions shall be fairly engrossed, after their passage, in the House in which they originate, and shall, when finally passed, be signed by the presiding officers of both Houses, in the same manner as bills.

RULE 10.

A joint committee of two Senators and three Representatives shall be appointed by the presiding officers of the two Houses, respectively, at the commencement of the session, to be designated the *Committee on Joint Rules*.

RULE 11.

When a bill or resolution, which shall have passed one House, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same shall have passed; and all such rejected bills or resolutions, with the accompanying papers, shall be returned to and left in the custody of the House which first acted on them.

RULE 12.

Each House shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded; and should any bill or resolution pass both Houses, the same papers shall be delivered to the Governor.

RULE 13.

No bill, which shall have passed one House, shall be sent for concurrence to the other, on the last day of the session.

RULE 14.

A two-thirds vote of all present shall be required for the suspension of any joint rule.

RULE 15.

A joint committee on the Library, consisting of two Senators and three Representatives, shall, on nomination of the presiding officers of their respective Houses, be appointed by each House respectively.

RULE 16.

A joint committee of five Senators and seven Representatives shall be appointed by the presiding officers of the two Houses, respectively, to be designated the *Committee on the Reform School*; whose duty it shall be to visit such School and report the condition thereof to the General Assembly, each session, and to take into consideration all matters relating to said School which may be referred to them.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. French, for the Committee on Joint Rules, to whom was referred the joint resolution relating to the Insane of Vermont, submitted the following report :

To the House of Representatives now in session :

The Committee on Joint Rules, to whom was referred the joint resolution relating to the Insane of Vermont, respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend the appointment of a standing committee of this House, consisting of five members, to be denominated the Committee on the Insane Asylum to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the Insane, and as to their care and treatment at the Insane Asylum.

W. C. FRENCH,

for Committee.

Whereupon the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House?

On motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea it was
Ordered to lie.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington introduced a bill entitled

H. 94. An act in amendment of section nineteen, of chapter twenty of the General Statutes, relating to the support of paupers ;
Which was read the first and second times and referred
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Martin of Chelsea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the standing rules of this House be amended by adding to the second section thereof as follows : " A committee consisting of five members to take into consideration all matters relating to the Insane ;"

Which was read and under the rule

Ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Sabin of Montpelier the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures by the Chaplain, and prayer by the
Rev. Mr. Babbitt of Waitsfield.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Bliss of Bradford,

H. 95. An act to pay E. N. Smith the sum therein named ;
To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Huling of Bennington,

H. 96. An act to establish a Municipal Court in and for the village of Bennington ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution inviting our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to address the Legislature;

Also, a joint resolution providing for a Reporter to the State Prison Committee;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dean of Barnard,

H. 97. An act in amendment of section eighteen of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Newton of St. Albans,

H. 98. An act laying a tax on the County of Franklin;

To a Select Committee consisting of the members from Franklin County.

By Mr. Martin of Chelsea,

H. 99. An act laying a tax on the County of Orange;

To a Select Committee consisting of the members from Orange County.

By Mr. Denny of Northfield,

H. 100. An act relating to the village of Northfield;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Slayton of Stowe,

H. 101. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Stowe, for the years 1874 and 1875;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

Joint resolution from the Senate, as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and are hereby invited to address the Legislature on the political questions of the country, during its present session, on such evenings as they may be pleased to designate ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Johnston of Ryegate presented the petition of James M. Beattie and ninety-three others, citizens of the town of Ryegate, praying for an amendment of section nine, chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, in relation to the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;

Which was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Joint Committee on State Prison be authorized to employ a reporter, if in their judgment it shall be deemed necessary ;

Was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted? on motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington, it was *Ordered* to lie.

Mr. Calderwood, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 58. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, entitled common schools and school laws ;

Reported in favor of its passage, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 6. An act relating to the duties of Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public ;

Reported in favor of its passage, and the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

H. 8. An act changing the time of holding the County Court and Court of Chancery, of the County of Lamoille;

Was taken up as a special order, and the question being, Shall the bill, as amended, be read the third time? it was on motion of Mr. Randall of Hyde Park,

Ordered to lie.

H. 10. An act entitled an act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the Town Clerk's office, approved Nov. 26, 1872;

Was taken up as a special order, and read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. McFarland of Johnson, was ordered to be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, to be considered in connection with H. 73.

Mr. Sabin of Montpelier introduced a bill entitled

H. 102. An act relating to the construction and repairs of highways;

Which was read the first time, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the second time? it was decided in the negative, yeas 49, nays 133;

So the second reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Wales of Burlington introduced a bill entitled

H. 103. An act relating to the Reform School;

Which was read the first and second times, and referred
To the Committee on the Reform School.

Mr. Wales called up House bill entitled

H. 65. An act to incorporate the Campbell Mineral Springs Company;

Which was passed.

House bill entitled

H. 56. An act in amendment of section twenty, chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Statutes;

Was taken up as a special order, read the third time and passed.

The resolution relating to the Standing Committees of the House was taken up, and Mr. Martin of Chelsea moved to amend the same by adding thereto the words, "to be denominated the Committee on the Insane;"

And the House agreeing thereto, the resolution as amended was adopted.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Knight of North Hero,

H. 104. An act granting a ferry to Dyer Hill and Henry C. Hill ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Huling of Bennington,

H. 105. An act to incorporate the Bennington County Savings Bank ;

To the Committee on Banks.

On motion of Mr. Estey of Brattleboro, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Olmsted, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 15. An act to amend section seven of an act approved November 22, 1870, entitled "An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to schools ; "

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time tomorrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Eaton of Danville, the vote refusing the second reading of House bill entitled

H. 102. An act relating to the construction and repairs of highways ;

Was reconsidered, and the bill was read the second time and referred

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committees :

On the Insane.

Mr. Abell of West Haven,

“ Sherwood of Fairfield,

“ Porter of Cornwall,

“ Clark of Stockbridge,

“ Follansby of Guildhall.

As the Select Committee on the resolution relating to the
“ Observance of the Centennial year and the battle of Benning-
ton : ”

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

“ Martin of Chelsea,

“ Colton of Irasburgh,

“ Skeels of Highgate,

“ Stoddard of Poultney,

“ Blake of Barton,

“ Eaton of Danville.

Bills of the following titles were severally taken up as special orders, read the third time and passed :

H. 38. An act to extend the provisions of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, as to the powers and duties of town clerks.

H. 34. An act in addition to section twenty-five, chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to attachments of property by copy.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury,

H. 106. An act to appropriate a sum of money to pay for the preparation and publication of a Digest of the Reports of the Supreme Court of the State for the use of the State ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro,

H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay the expenses of the Reform School ;

To the Committee on the Reform School.

By Mr. Huling of Bennington,

H. 108. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a police force for incorporated villages," approved November 9, 1865 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution referring to final adjournment ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That a Special Committee of two Senators, and three Representatives be appointed by the presiding officer of each House, respectively, to ascertain and report as soon as possible, the earliest day practicable, consistent with the business of the session, for the final adjournment of the General Assembly ; and to whom all resolutions relating to a final adjournment shall be referred ;

Was read, and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Batchelder, of Arlington, called up the joint resolution from the Senate relating to a Reporter for the State Prison Committee ;

Which was read, and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Hayward, of Weybridge, moved that the House adjourn ;
Which motion was lost.

Mr. Josselyn, of Bridgewater, offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The expenses of the State are, and must be of necessity, very great; and

WHEREAS, The same must come from the pockets of heavily burdened tax-payers; and

WHEREAS, It is becoming in us, as representatives of the people, to set an example for economy and industry, in all our doings as a legislative body; therefore

Resolved, That the members of this House give to the State their services, on the day of the visit to the State Reform School, and that we make the best consistent improvement of our time toward the completion of the business which may come before us ;

Which was read, and its adoption refused.

Mr. Erwin of Newport introduced a bill entitled

H. 109. An act to regulate the practice of medicine in Vermont ;

Which was read the first and second times, and referred

To the General Committee.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted, of Townshend, the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Swain, of Rockingham,

H. 110. An act relating to interest ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Battell, of Ripton,

H. 111. An act in amendment of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Newton, of St. Albans,

H. 112. An act in amendment of section eighteen, of chapter twenty-one of the General Statutes, relating to rights of married women ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Chamberlin, of Sharon,

H. 113. An act entitled an act to change the name of the person therein mentioned ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. French, of Woodstock,

H. 114. An act providing for mortgages of personal property ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Henry, of Chester, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 84. An act to repeal an act approved Nov. 22, 1870, relating to divorce ;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon its third reading was refused.

Bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time and passed :

H. 15. An act to amend section seven of an act approved Nov. 22, 1870, entitled an act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to schools.

S. 6. An act relating to the duties of Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public.

H. 58. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, entitled common schools and school laws.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 6. An act in amendment of section fifteen, chapter twenty of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out in the seventh line of section one, the word *transient* ;

And the House agreeing thereto, the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Martin, from the Select Committee to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 99. An act laying a tax on the County of Orange ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended in section two, by striking out the words " January, A. D. 1877 , " where they occur, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*December, A. D. 1876 .*"

The House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass ?

On motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea, it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 59. An act to enable the village of St. Johnsbury to issue its bonds ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by inserting after the word "empowered" in the second line of section one, the following words : *By and with the approval of a majority of the legal voters of said village present at a meeting duly warned for that purpose ;*

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time, and passed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 17. An act to repeal part of section five of an act entitled "An act in amendment of section twenty-two of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled 'Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks,' and in addition to said chapter," approved November 8th, 1870 ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 94. An act in amendment of section nineteen of chapter twenty of the General Statutes, relating to the support of paupers ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Senate bill entitled

S. 17. An act to repeal part of section five of an act entitled an act in amendment of section twenty-two, of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks," and in addition to said chapter, approved Nov. 8, 1870 ;

Was read the first and second times, and referred
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to
whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 79. An act relating to husbands and wives ;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being,
Shall the bill be read the third time ?

On motion of Mr. Wales, of Burlington, it was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for next Tuesday
at half past two o'clock.

Mr. Martin, of Chelsea, called up House bill entitled

H. 99. An act laying a tax on the county of Orange ;

Who moved that the bill be committed to a member with
instructions to amend the same by striking out the words
"January, 1877," in the third section thereof, and inserting in
lieu thereof, the words *December*, 1876, which was agreed to ;

And the bill as amended was passed.

Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom
was referred House bill entitled

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads
in this State ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was
ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Sabin, from the same Committee, to whom was referred
House bill entitled

H. 85. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of
Woodstock for 1867 ;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon the third
reading of the bill was refused.

On motion of Mr. Batchelder, of Arlington, the Centennial
Committee was enlarged by the addition of two members.

On motion of Mr. Evans, of Moretown, House bill entitled

H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay the expenses of the Reform School ;

Was recalled from the Committee on the Reform School to whom it had been referred, and referred

To the General Committee.

On motion of Mr Wales, of Burlington, the vote whereby House bill entitled

H. 79. An act relating to husbands and wives ;

Was ordered to lie, and be made the special order for next Tuesday at half past two o'clock in the afternoon ;

Was reconsidered, and the bill was taken up, and its third reading refused.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 82. An act in amendment of sections ten, eleven and thirteen, of chapter thirty-one, of the General Statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace ;

Reported in favor of its passage,

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Jenkins, of Burke,

H. 115. An act providing for the care of specimens in the State Cabinet, and for additions to the same ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Hapgood, of Underhill,

H. 116. An act defining the measurement of round timber ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. French, of Woodstock,

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Jr., the sum therein mentioned ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Willis, of Stratton,

H. 118. An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend section two, of chapter one hundred and three, of the General Statutes, relating to bounties of noxious animals, approved Nov. 19, 1868 ;

To the General Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kelton, of Montgomery, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Wales, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 21. An act entitled an act for the more efficient suppression of vagrancy in Vermont ;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Woodbridge, of Vergennes, offered the following joint resolution :

WHEREAS, By the Constitution of the United States, the President is bound by his oath to render aid in suppressing domestic violence in any of the States, whenever such aid is required, and properly demanded ; and

WHEREAS, Under the laws providing for the enforcement of the recent amendment to the constitution, it is made the duty of the Executive Department of the government to protect all citizens in their equal political rights, among which is the right to peaceably assemble for the discussion of public measures, and the right to appear and vote at the polls without fear or intimidation, and without let or hindrance ; and

WHEREAS, In several of the Southern States, armed bands of men have appeared at numerous places, violently interfering

with political assemblages, with the avowed and desperate purpose to deprive the freedmen of the free exercise of the elective franchise; and menacing the lives of all who dare openly differ with their assailants in their party associations, or in their political opinions and preferences: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the recent action of the President in sending to South Carolina a military force for the purpose of suppressing the domestic violence there broadly manifested, and to protect all classes of the people in the full enjoyment of all their rights as citizens, and thereby to secure the perfect freedom and purity of the ballot box, was in accordance with the laws of the country in support of good order and the plainest principles of personal and political rights, and is hereby cordially approved;

Which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Woodbridge was *Ordered* to lie, and be made the special order for next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, and three hundred and fifty copies of the same were ordered to be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed a bill originating in the House, of the following title, viz:

H. 11. An act to amend section forty-four, of chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of the Probate Court.

Mr. Hotchkiss, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 68. An act to extend the benefits of common schools; Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being,

Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Olmsted of Townshend, it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Eaton of Danville called up House bill entitled

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State;

And moved that it be

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock ;

Which motion was carried.

The Speaker announced as the additional members of the committee "On the observance of the Centennial year and the Battle of Bennington:"

Mr. Huling of Bennington,

" Dillingham of Waterbury.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Olmsted of Townshend,

H. 119. An act to amend section four of an act approved Nov. 18, 1874; and section one of an act approved Nov. 24, 1874 ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury,

H. 120. An act changing the terms of the Supreme Court ;
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Eaton of Middlesex,

H. 121. An act changing the name of Sabra R. Buck to Sabra R. Root ;

To the General Committee

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills entitled

H. 1. An act laying a tax on the County of Caledonia ;

H. 59. An act to enable the village of St. Johnsbury to issue its bonds ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Battell of Ripton, the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Swain of Rockingham, the vote whereby House bill entitled

H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay the expenses of the Reform School ;

Was recalled from the Committee on the Reform School, and referred to the General Committee, was reconsidered and the bill again referred

To the Committee on the Reform School.

House bill entitled

H. 94. An act in amendment of section nineteen of chapter twenty of the General Statutes, relating to the support of paupers ;

Was taken up, read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass ?

On motion of Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury, it was

Ordered to lie.

House bill entitled

H. 82. An act in amendment of sections ten, eleven, and thirteen, of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace ;

Was taken up, read the third time, and the question being,
Shall the bill pass?

On motion of Mr. Henry of Chester, it was

Ordered to lie.

House bill entitled

H. 6. An act in amendment of section fifteen, chapter twenty of the General Statutes ;

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 75. An act relating to the conveyance of real estate by husband to wife ;

Reported adversely to its passage.

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? it was decided in the negative—yeas 49 ; nays 114.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Wales of Burlington, were taken and are as follows :

The members who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,
Bartlett,
Blake,
Boynnton,
Briggs,
Buchanan,
Bushnell,
Calderwood,
Coburn,
Crandall,
Cummings,
Denny,
Dewey,
Edwards,
Ellis,
Erwin,
Farwell,

Goodrich,
Guernsey,
Hapgood,
Hopkins,
Kelton,
Long,
Macomber,
Mason,
Needham,
Olmsted,
Farsons,
Patrick,
Pearl,
Peck,
Prindle,
Rood,
Sargent of Norwich,

Sargent of Wilmington,
Sherwood,
Skeels,
Stannard,
Stearns,
Stoddard of Fayston,
Sturgess,
Sturtevant,
Thornton,
Tyler,
Ufford,
Wales,
Webster of Franklin,
Wheeler,
Willey—49.

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,
Abell of West Haven,
Adams of Newbury,
Andrew,
Barrett,
Birkett,
Boarn,
Brasley,
Brown of Goshen,
Brown of Pawlet,
Brown of Waterford,
Bucklin,
Barbank,
Burnap of Calais,
Bart,

Chadwick,
Chamberlin,
Chase,
Clark of Jay,
Clark of Stratford,
Colton,
Colvin,
Coolidge,
Crane of Bridport,
Crane of Willamstown,
Darling of Morristown,
Davis,
Dean,
Dickerman,
Dillingham,

Drake,
Du Bois,
Eaton of Danville,
Eaton of Middlesex,
Eaton of Rochester,
Eayres,
Evans,
Farrand,
Fitch,
Follansby,
Ford,
Foster,
Francis,
Franklin,
Freeman,

French,
Gleason,
Hager,
Hamilton,
Haynes,
Hayward,
Hazelton,
Henry,
Hodgkins,
Hotchkiss,
Houghton,
Howard,
Howe of Springfield,
Hoyt,
Huling,
Hutchinson,
Jenkins of Burke,
Jenkins of East Haven,
Johnson of Leicester,
Johnson of Vernon,
Johnston,
Josselyn,
Kelley,

Kent,
Kingsley,
Knight,
Lazelle,
Lengfeld,
Lyford,
McFarland,
Mack,
Morrissey,
Newton of Mount Holly,
Page of Cambridge,
Page of Groton,
Parker of Putney,
Parker of Reading,
Paul,
Peake,
Pollard,
Prouty,
Ranger,
Ranney of Athens,
Ranney of Pittsfield,
Reed,
Roscoe,

Rose,
Sabin,
Safford,
Savage,
Shaw,
Shores,
Simons,
Spaulding,
Sturgess,
Sulloway,
Swain,
Tabor,
Taylor of Sherburne,
Tilden,
Watts,
Webster of Cabot,
Webster of Sudbury,
Wells,
Whitcher,
White,
Wilbur,
Willis,
Winchester—114.

So the third reading of the bill was refused.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary,
as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am hereby directed to inform the House
that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 13. An act relating to witnesses in prosecutions for the
violation of the provisions of chapter ninety-four of the General
Statutes, and the several acts in addition thereto and in
amendment thereof ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is
requested.

- The Senate have considered House bill entitled

II. 31. An act in amendment of an act entitled an act to
incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution
empowering the Committee on Insane Asylum to visit the
Insane Asylum ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is
requested.

Mr. Sherwood, of Fairfield, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it be until
Monday next at two o'clock in the afternoon ;

Which was read and its adoption refused.

A joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Standing Committees of both Houses on the Asylum for the Insane, be empowered and directed to visit the Insane Asylum at Brattleboro, and such other Insane Asylums as they may deem proper ; and that they be authorized to send for persons and papers, and to report to their respective Houses by bill or otherwise ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Senate bill entitled

S. 13. An act relating to witnesses, in prosecutions for the violation of the provisions of chapter ninety-four, of the General Statutes, and the several acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof ;

Was read the first and second times, and was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 97. An act in amendment of section eighteen, chapter thirty-one, of the General Statutes ;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon its third reading was refused.

Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom were referred House bills entitled

H. 41. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bloomfield, for the years 1874, 1875, and 1876 ; and

H. 101. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Stowe, for the years 1874, and 1875 ;

Reported favorably to their passage, whereupon the bills were *Ordered* to be read the third time.

Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 105. An act to incorporate the Bennington County Savings Bank ;

Reported favorably to its passage, when amended, by adding to the list of incorporators in the first section, the name of *Jefferson R. Judson, of Arlington*, also by striking out the whole of *section nine* ;

And the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms :

HON. JOHN W. STEWART,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR: In pursuance of section seventy-nine, chapter eight of the General Statutes, I have appointed, subject to your approval, the following persons, officers of the House :

Tracey B. Willey, Door-Keeper ;

Elbridge M. Buck, Assistant Door-Keeper ;

Willie Boynton, Page ;

Oscar A. McFarland, Page ;

Harry H. McIntyre, Page ;

Fred A. Whittaker, Page.

T. C. PHINNEY, *Sergeant-at-Arms.*

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS' OFFICE, }
Montpelier, Oct. 4th, 1876. }

Which appointments so announced were approved by the Speaker.

House bill entitled

H. 68. An act to extend the benefits of common schools;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Olmsted, of Townshend, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time?

Mr. Olmsted introduced a bill as a substitute therefor entitled

H. 122. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to schools ;

Which, with said bill entitled H. 68, was referred

To the Committee on Education.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Dillingham, of Waterbury,

H. 123. An act to incorporate the Vermont Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Stoddard, of Fayston,

H. 124. An act in amendment of section fifteen, of chapter one, of the General Statutes, relating to the election of Representatives ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Eaton of Rochester,

H. 125. An act in amendment of an act entitled an act in amendment of and in addition to number sixty-three, entitled an act relating to liens reserved on property sold, approved Nov. 21, 1872 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Du Bois, of Randolph, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Kelton, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 80. An act to amend an act entitled an act relating to the collection of highway taxes ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by filling the blank in line eleven of section one, by inserting the words "*eight.*"

Mr. Safford of Westminster moved to further amend the bill by inserting therein, after the words "highway surveyor," the words *or road commissioner*, which amendments were agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Andrew, of Brighton, it was

Ordered to lie.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 99. An act laying a tax on the County of Orange ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 99. An act laying a tax on the County of Orange.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows :

First. By striking out in section two, line three, the words "first constable of," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, *collector of taxes in.*

Second. By striking out in section three, line three, the words "first constable of," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *collector of taxes in.*

Third. By striking out in section three, line seven, the words, "first constable," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *collector.*

The question being, Will the House concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate ?

On motion of Mr. Henry, of Chester, the bill was

Ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Page, of Groton, the House adjourned.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Mr. Eaton of Rochester offered the following joint resolution:

WHEREAS, Chapter ninety-three of the General Statutes of Vermont, reads as follows:

"Sec. 1. The first day of the week shall be kept and observed by the people of this State as a Sabbath, holy day, or day of rest from all secular labor, recreation and employment—and if any person shall between twelve o'clock of the night preceding and the setting of the sun the same day exercise any secular labor, business or employment, except such only as works of charity or necessity, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two dollars;" and

WHEREAS, By chapter six, section four of the General Statutes, it is made the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms, as follows:

"Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to take proper care of the State House with all its furniture and appendages, and of the grounds, fences, lamps, and everything in and around the public buildings; to keep the same in thorough repair, and during the session of the Legislature to see that the different apartments are suitably warmed and lighted and provided, and that the passages in and about the State House are properly attended, and in good order; and

WHEREAS, It appears that after the adjournment of both Houses on Saturday afternoon of each week, there is not sufficient time for the several persons employed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, to put the several apartments of the House in proper order

for the session on the Monday following, thereby compelling the persons so employed to do that work, or a portion of it, on the Sabbath day. And believing it to be the duty of all good citizens to obey the laws of the State and to observe the Sabbath day, therefore

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That no session be holden on Saturday afternoon of each week, in order that the House may be put in proper order, thereby relieving the persons employed for that purpose, from the performance of their respective duties on the Sabbath day ;

Which was read, and under the rule was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Huling, of Bennington, introduced a bill entitled

H. 126. An act constituting a Normal School department in connection with Bennington Graded School ;

Which was read the first and second times, and referred
To the Committee on Education.

Bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time, and passed, to wit :

H. 41. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bloomfield, for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

H. 101. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Stowe, for the years 1874 and 1875.

On motion of Mr. Patrick, of Ludlow, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Dillingham, of Waterbury,

H. 127. An act laying a tax on the County of Washington ;
To a Select Committee, consisting of the members from Washington County.

By Mr. Eaton, of Danville,

H. 128. An act to pay William H. Preston the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hager, of Halifax,

H. 129. An act concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals ;

To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Stoddard, of Fayston,

H. 130. An act in amendment of an act, in amendment of section sixty-seven, chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

On motion of Mr. Colton, of Irasburgh, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Bliss of Bradford offered the following joint resolution :

WHEREAS, The General Assembly have by joint resolution invited the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, to address the members of the Legislature in the Hall of

the House of Representatives at such time as may be convenient for them ; and

WHEREAS, We believe that intelligent action can only follow free discussion, and that justice and fair play require that the minority shall have an opportunity to be heard; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That Asa M. Dickey, John L. Edwards, A. P. Childs, E. J. Phelps and Charles N. Davenport be and they hereby are invited to address the General Assembly upon the political questions of the day, at the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Thursday evening, October 26, at 7 o'clock, and the use of the said Hall is hereby granted for that purpose ;

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ?

Mr. French of Woodstock moved that it be

Ordered to lie.

Which motion was lost ;

Whereupon, the resolution was adopted on the part of the House.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Howard of Shaftsbury,

H. 131. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and four of the General Statutes ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Dean of Barnard,

H. 132. An act establishing the salary of the Superintendent of the Reform School ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Randall of Hyde Park,

H. 133. An act to pay A. Dwinell the sum therein named ;
To the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Celley of Fairlee presented the petition of T. S. Paine

and twenty-three others, citizens of the town of Fairlee, praying for an amendment to section nine, chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, relating to the traffic in intoxicating drinks; which was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sprague of Brandon offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be given to Middleton Goldsmith, M. D., and E. J. Phelps, Esq., to deliver addresses on the Fish and Game laws, on Wednesday evening, November 1, 1876, at half past seven o'clock ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Wales, of Burlington, introduced a bill entitled

H. 134. An act to incorporate the Shelburne Steamboat Company ;

Which was read the first and second times, and referred

To the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Crane of Williamstown presented the petition of O. H. Briggs and fifty-four others, citizens of the town of Williamstown, praying for an amendment to the laws relating to the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;

Which was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro introduced a bill entitled

H. 135. An act authorizing the keeping of a Jail Register ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred

To the General Committee.

House bill entitled

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State ;

Was taken up as a special order, read the third time and passed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

S. 21. An act to authorize the County Court to appoint administrators in certain cases;

S. 25. An act in relation to the collection of taxes;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 34. An act in addition to section twenty-five, chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to attachment of property by copy;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 28. An act to amend an act to amend section one of chapter eighty of the General Statutes;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Hutchinson, for the Committee on Land Taxes, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 91. An act laying a tax on Harris' Gore;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Macomber of Westford moved that it be committed to a member to amend by striking out the words, "and fifty," in the first section thereof, which motion was lost,

And the bill was passed.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times and referred as follows:

S. 21. An act to authorize the County Court to appoint administrators in certain cases;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 25. An act in relation to the collection of taxes ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

Mr. Franklin, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a resolution relative to salaries of certain military officers, submitted a report recommending the passage of the following bill :

H. 136. An act to amend section four of an act establishing the annual salary of certain State officers, and the compensation of certain State employes, approved November 23, 1870.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

Sec. 1. Section four of "An act establishing the annual salary of certain State officers and the compensation of certain State employes," approved November 23, 1870, is hereby amended to read as follows :

The annual salary of the Adjutant and Inspector General shall be nine hundred dollars, and the annual salary of the Quartermaster General shall be six hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect the first day of December next.

Which was read the first and second times, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Ladd of Alburgh it was

Ordered to lie.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 137. An act in relation to the charter of the Winooski Flouring-Company, and changing the name of said Company ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Du Bois of Randolph,

H. 138. An act granting powers to school districts and to school directors ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Ellis of Huntington,

H. 139. An act entitled an act to change the name of Laura M. Linsley ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury,

H. 140. An act to amend section twenty-seven of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Long of Chittenden offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, It appears that the Committees are bound to continue this session of the Legislature weeks longer than there is any need of, or until they can smell the roasting of the Thanksgiving turkey ; and

WHEREAS, The State is looking for a short session, and a large portion of this House cannot see why it should not be short ; therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That it shall be the duty of all Committees to meet for one hour after every adjournment in the afternoon, so long as they shall have any unfinished business before them, and report at the next sitting of the Representatives ;

Which was read and its adoption refused.

On motion of Mr. Andrew of Brighton, House bill entitled

H. 80. An act to amend an act entitled an act relating to the collection of highway taxes ;

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Skeels of Highgate, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 57. An act in relation to the election of the electors of President and Vice President ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by inserting in the second section thereof, after the words " Vice President," the words, *except the legal voters of the town of Montpelier ;*

And the House agreeing thereto, the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Martin, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 3. An act changing the time of holding County Courts in the County of Windham ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out all of *Section three ;*

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 132. An act establishing the salary of the Superintendent of the Reform School ;

Was recalled from the Committee on Education, to whom it had been referred, and referred

To the Committee on the Reform School.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered joint resolution from the House giving the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives Wednesday evening, November 1st, 1876, to M. Goldsmith and E. J. Phelps, Esq. ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate have appointed as a committee on their part under joint resolution relating to final adjournment :

Senator Guild of Bennington,

Senator Belden of Caledonia.

Mr. Roscoe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 89. An act to pay Samuel Howard the sum therein named ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Randall of Hyde Park called up House bill entitled

H. 8. An act changing the time of holding the County Court and Court of Chancery in the County of Lamoille ;

And moved to amend the same by striking out in section three the word " March," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *January* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea, House bill entitled

H. 99. An act laying a tax on the County of Orange ;

Was taken up and the Senate proposals of amendment thereto were adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Martin of Chelsea introduced a bill entitled

H. 141. An act in amendment of section four of chapter forty-seven of the General Statutes, in relation to the sale of property taken on execution ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Colton, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 44. An act to pay William H. Boynton the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by filling the blank in the fourth line of section one, by inserting the words *twenty-six* ;

Pending the consideration of which amendment, on motion of Mr. Pollard, of Windsor, it was

Ordered to lie.

The joint resolution relating to the care of the State House was taken up, as unfinished business, and its adoption refused.

Mr. Du Bois, of Randolph, presented the petition of S. B. Waite, and three hundred and twenty others, praying for the enactment of a law providing for granting county and life certificates to teachers, which was referred

To the Committee on Education.

Mr. Dillingham, of Waterbury, called up House bill entitled H. 82. An act in amendment of sections ten, eleven and twelve, of chapter thirty-one, of the General Statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace ;

And the question being, Shall the bill pass ?

On motion of Mr. Wales, of Burlington, it was

Ordered to lie,

And be made the special order for next Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that, on the 20th day of October, he approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz. :

H. 1. An act laying a tax on the County of Caledonia.

H. 59. An act to enable the village of St. Johnsbury to issue its bonds.

I am also directed by the Governor to deliver a communication in writing with an accompanying document.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from his Excellency, the Governor, as follows :

STATE OF VERMONT.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Montpelier, Oct. 24, 1876, }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit to the House of Representatives, for the use of the General Assembly, the report of the Commissioner of Fisheries.

HORACE FAIRBANKS.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Barrett, of Grafton, the reading of the report was omitted, and it was

Ordered to lie,

And on motion of Mr. Lynde, of Marlboro, the Clerk was directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

(For report see Appendix "F.")

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Lynde, of Marlboro,

H. 142. An act taxing the deposits of Savings Banks ;

To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. French, of Woodstock,

H. 143. An act in addition to an act incorporating the Woodstock Railroad Company ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Taylor, of Sherburne,

H. 144. An act changing the name of Carlton Wilson ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. White of Washington,

H. 145. An act to pay Clark Thompson the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. McFarland, of Johnson, the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday, read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Brown, of Pawlet,

H. 146. An act entitled an act to pay the town of Pawlet the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Martin of Londonderry,

H. 147. An act laying a tax on the County of Windham ;

To a Select Committee, consisting of all the members from Windham County.

By Mr. Denny, of Northfield,

H. 148. An act to pay W. H. Morris the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Wales, of Burlington,

H. 149. An act relating to the practice in the Court of Chancery ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Battell, of Ripton,

H. 150. An act providing for building a Court House in the County of Addison, and laying a tax on said County ;

To a Select Committee, consisting of all the members from Addison County.

Mr. Jenkins, of Burke, offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Governor is hereby authorized to appoint three Commissioners to devise a plan for the better accommodation and utility of the State Library, the State Cabinet, and the collection of the Vermont Historical Society, and to propose designs and make estimates for the same, and to report to the next Legislature.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Abell, of West Haven, was referred

To the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Swain, of Rockingham, introduced a bill entitled

H. 151. An act to change the names of Nettie Calista Howard, and Mattie Flora Howard, and to make them heirs at law of Harrison Holden and Elzina Holden ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred

To the General Committee.

Mr. Olmsted, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 119. An act to amend section four of an act approved November 18, 1874, and section one of an act approved November 24, 1874 ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by inserting after the word "striking" in the first section thereof, the word *out*, and the House agreeing thereto, the bill was

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 115. An act providing for the care of specimens in the State Cabinet, and for additions to the same ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Kelton, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 47. An act to change the names of certain persons therein named;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time and passed :

H. 28. An act to amend an act to amend section one, of chapter eighty, of the General Statutes.

H. 57. An act in relation to the election of electors of President and Vice-President.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 53. An act to change the names of certain persons therein named ;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. French, of Woodstock,

H. 152. An act in amendment of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled " Of the Grand List ;"

To the Committee on Grand List.

By Mr. Kent, of Panton,

H. 153. An act relating to the compensation of town superintendents ;

To the Committee on Education.

Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 16. An act to legalize the grand list of the city of Burlington, for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Sabin, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 24. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bakersfield, for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Parker, of Putney, presented the petition of J. W. Stowell, and twenty others, citizens of the town of Putney, praying for an amendment to section nine, of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, which was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Savage, of West Windsor,

H. 154. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of West Windsor, for the year 1874 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Jenkins, of Burke,

H. 155. An act prohibiting minors from committing offences against public policy ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Dillingham, of Waterbury,

H. 156. An act relating to costs in criminal proceedings before Justices ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 92. An act to pay Jeremiah McCarty the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out in lines four and five of section one, the words " twenty-three dollars and fifty cents," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *eleven dollars and seventy-five cents* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Denny, of Northfield,

H. 157. An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish Northfield Graded School District, in Northfield ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Roscoe, of New Haven,

H. 158. An act requiring the Listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses ;

To the Committee on Education.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives for certain purposes ;

And refuse to concur in the adoption of the same.

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 6. An act relating to the duties of Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 15. An act to amend section seven of an act approved November 22, 1870, entitled "An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to schools."

H. 88. An act to extend the provisions of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes as to the powers and duties of town clerks; And have concurred in the passage of the same.

Mr. Newton of St. Albans offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted on Thursday evening, November 2d, to the Special Committee on the Governor's Message relating to Vermont Centennials, for the purpose of hearing an address from Charles M. Bliss, Esq., the Corresponding Secretary of the Bennington Historical Society; Which was adopted on the part of the House.

The Speaker announced as the committee on the part of the House under the joint resolution relating to final adjournment:

Mr. Martin of Chelsea,

" Huling of Bennington,

" Coburn of East Montpelier.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson of Hancock, the vote refusing the third reading of House bill entitled

H. 24. An act legalizing the grand list of the town of Bakersfield for the years 1875 and 1876;

Was reconsidered;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills entitled

H. 16. An act to legalize the grand list of the city of Burlington for the years 1875 and 1876.

H. 8. An act changing the time of holding County Courts in the County of Windham ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the 24th day of October he approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz. :

H. 81. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company."

H. 99. An act laying a tax on the County of Orange.

H. 34. An act in addition to section twenty-five, chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to attachment of property by copy.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. McFarland of Johnson,

H. 159. An act entitled an act in relation to the grand list, and in amendment of sections two and nine of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Alexander of Guilford,

H. 160. An act to pay the town of Guilford, in the County of Windham, the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 41. An act amending an act entitled "An act relating to criminal offenses committed within the limits of incorporated villages in this State ;"

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered a bill from the House entitled

H. 105. An act to incorporate the Bennington County Savings Bank ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

Senate bill entitled

S. 41. An act amending an act entitled "An act relating to criminal offenses committed within the limits of incorporated villages within this State ;"

Was read the first and second times and referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 36. An act to pay John Bailey, Jr., the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended, by inserting before the word "dollars" in the sixth line of section one, the words *nineteen hundred and twenty-three*, and by inserting after said word "dollars" the words *and ninety-five cents* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto the bill, as amended, was read the third time and passed ;

A motion by Mr. Hayward of Weybridge, pending its passage, to lay the same on the table and make it the special order for to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock having been disagreed to,

Joint resolution relating to National Affairs was taken up as a special order for the hour, (three o'clock).

And the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted? Mr. Sprague of Brandon moved that it be ordered to lie and be made the special order for Friday morning at eleven o'clock.

Mr. Battell, of Ripton, proposed to amend the motion by making it the special order for next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, but afterwards asked and obtained leave of the House to withdraw his proposal of amendment.

Pending the question, Mr. Ladd of Alburgh moved to amend by making said resolution the special order for to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock ;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the resolution was thereupon ordered to lie and be made the special order for to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz.:

H. 3. An act changing the time of holding County Courts in the County of Windham.

H. 16. An act to legalize the grand list of the city of Burlington for the years 1875 and 1876.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 7. An act to amend an act approved November 19, 1866, entitled "An act to amend section thirteen of chapter forty-seven of the General Statutes entitled 'Of levy of execution ;'"

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

On motion of Mr. Du Bois of Randolph, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures by the Chaplain, and prayer by Rev. H. P. Cushing of East Burke.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Celley of Fairlee,

H. 161. An act to pay the town of Fairlee the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hapgood of Underhill,

H. 162. An act in amendment of an act approved November 26, 1872, relating to the grand list ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 163. An act in amendment of an act approved November 26, 1872, entitled an act in amendment of an act to incorporate the City of Burlington, approved November 22, 1864, and of the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Aldrich of Woodford,

H. 164. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Woodford for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Hager of Halifax,

H. 165. An act to incorporate the Farmers and Mechanics' Exchange ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Page of Groton,

H. 166. An act to amend section seventy-two of chapter thirty-four of the General Statutes, relating to trustee process ;
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time and passed :

H. 115. An act providing for the care of specimens in the State Cabinet, and for additions to the same ;

H. 119. An act to amend section four of an act approved November 18, 1874, and section one of an act approved November 24, 1874.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported from various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and the third reading of the same

Ordered for to-morrow morning :

By Mr. Sabin from the Committee on the Grand List,

S. 25. An act in relation to the collection of taxes ;

By Mr. Wales from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 21. An act to authorize the County Court to appoint administrators in certain cases.

Mr. Skeels, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 45. An act in amendment of act No. 50, of 1866, changing the standard weight of oats ;

Reported adversely to its passage,

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 5. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Montgomery for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out the words *the years of 1875 and*, in the second line of section one.

Pending the consideration of which amendment, on motion of Mr. Kelton of Montgomery, the bill was

Ordered to lie.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Education,

H. 126. An act constituting a Normal School Department in connection with Bennington Graded School.

By Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 49. An act in amendment of section four of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the Grand List.

By Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 124. An act in amendment of section fifteen of chapter one of the General Statutes, relating to the election of Representatives.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 13. An act relating to witnesses in prosecutions for the violation of the provisions of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, and the several acts in addition thereto, and in amendment thereof ;

Reported in favor of its passage,

Whereupon the bill was

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 140. An act to amend section twenty-seven of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out the words *with or without surety*, in the ninth line of section one ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill was
Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 27. An act to pay Robert C. Barnes the sum therein named;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. McFarland of Johnson it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 81. An act to empower Fire District number one in Brandon to bring water into said district, and to issue its bonds for that purpose

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by inserting in section two before the word "agricultural," the word *manufacturing*;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 71. An act in amendment of section forty-seven of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes;

Reported in favor of its passage;

Whereupon the bill was

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 134. An act to incorporate the Shelburne Steamboat Company;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking

out the word "five" in the second line of section four, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word *ten* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Henry, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 93. An act relating to Cemetery Associations ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by inserting after the word "thereon" in section one, the words *not exceeding two hundred dollars in value.*

Pending the consideration of which amendment, on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock the bill was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Hinman, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 143. An act in addition to an act incorporating the Woodstock Railroad Company ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 63. An act to pay Henry C. Glover the sum therein named ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Sprague, from the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 48. An act establishing the salaries of certain State officers ;

Reported in favor of its passage ; the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Ladd of Alburgh it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Thursday afternoon at two and one-half o'clock.

Mr. Kingsley, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 64. An act in relation to cemetery associations;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Colton, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 80. An act to pay Wm. H. Lane and son the sum therein named;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out the word "seventy" in the fourth line of section one, and inserting in lieu thereof the word *twenty*;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill, as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Sheldon, of Rutland,

H. 167. An act in addition to chapter one of the General Statutes entitled "On Elections ;"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Estey, of Brattleboro,

H. 168. An act in amendment of, and in addition to, an act entitled an act to incorporate the West River Railroad Company, and all acts in addition thereto, and in amendment thereof;

To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Jenkins, of Burke,

H. 169. An act amending an act establishing a Board of Agriculture, Mining and Statistics ;

To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Ellis, of Huntington,

H. 170. An act in addition to section six, of chapter one of

the General Statutes, and the act in amendment of said section, approved November 22, 1864 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Roscoe of New Haven,

H. 171. An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize school districts to send scholars to academies in certain cases named therein ;

To the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Cummings, of Thetford, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Eayres, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 26. An act entitled an act to pay E. J. Hall the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out in section one, the words "one hundred and fifty," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *seventy-five* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Ladd, of Alburgh, the vote whereby House bill entitled

H. 48. An act establishing the salaries of certain State officers,

Was ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Thursday afternoon at two and one-half o'clock, was reconsidered ; and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Ladd, it was recommitted

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Martin, of Chelsea, was excused at his request, and under the rule, from serving as one of the Committee on the part of

the House, under the joint resolution relating to final adjournment, and the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Olmsted, of Townshend, to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 118. An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend section two, of chapter one hundred and three of the General Statutes, relating to bounties of noxious animals, approved November 19, 1868 ;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 111. An act in amendment of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to C. M. Bliss, Esq., for Thursday, November 2d, 1876 ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the House is asked to concur.

The Senate have passed Senate bills of the following titles :

S. 23. An act to pay George Capron the sum therein named.

S. 34. An act repealing an act entitled an act to amend chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled " Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks ; "

And ask the House to concur in the passage thereof.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

S. 34. An act repealing an act entitled an act to amend chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled " Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks ; "

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 23. An act to pay George Capron the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Clark, of Stockbridge,

H. 172. An act to repeal an act and a part of an act, in relation to circus exhibitions ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Sheldon, of Rutland,

H. 173. An act to amend " An act relating to check lists of voters," approved October 14, 1868, and to amend an act entitled " An act to amend an act entitled an act providing for a check list of voters," approved November 19, 1866, approved November 6, 1867 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bartlett, of Shelburne,

H. 174. An act relating to interest ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. French, of Woodstock,

H. 175. An act in addition to chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled " Of the Grand List ;"

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Coolidge, of Plymouth,

H. 176. An act to amend chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled " Of the Grand List ;"

To the Committee on the Grand List.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to joint resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to Charles M. Bliss, Esq.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the joint resolution as follows :

By striking out all after the word *hearing*, in line seven of said resolution, and inserting in lieu thereof the following : "*The Corresponding Secretary of the Bennington Historical Society, and any other persons who may desire to address the Committee on the matters referred to them ;*

The question being, Will the House concur in the amendment proposed by the Senate ? It was decided in the affirmative.

Joint resolution relating to national affairs was taken up as a special order, at this hour (three o'clock), and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ?

On motion of Mr. Ladd, of Alburgh, it was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Fayston, the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Henry, of Chester, introduced a bill entitled

H. 177. An act entitled an act to annex certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor counties, and for other purposes ;

Which was read the first and second times, and pending its reference, on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, it was

Ordered to lie.

And on motion of Mr. Swain, of Rockingham, the clerk was directed to procure the printing of one thousand copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Abell, of West Haven, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Auditor of Accounts be and he is hereby requested to report to this House, the amount paid by the State for costs of prosecutions under chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, in each county in this State, also the amount paid into the State Treasury for costs and fines in such prosecutions in each county in the State, also the amount of such fines imposed but not paid in each county in the State, also the amount paid in each county for Attorney services for the State, other than to State's Attorneys, for the last two years ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Goodrich, of Benson, offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their votes and influence for the repeal of the act

of Congress known as the general bankrupt law of the United States ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

H. 178. An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy and sale of poison in the State of Vermont ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Stoddard of Fayston,

H. 179. An act in amendment of an act relating to the assessment and collection of taxes, approved November 24, 1874 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Spaulding of Barre,

H. 180. An act to pay the National Bank of Barre the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List,

H. 180. An act in amendment of an act in amendment of section sixty-seven, chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes.

By Mr. Spaulding, from the Committee on Education,

H. 153. An act relating to the compensation of Town Superintendents.

By Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 87. An act to pay Orrin Cutler the sum therein named.

Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 164. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Woodford for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Spaulding, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 158. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 23. An act to amend chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Statutes, entitled, of offences against the lives and persons of individuals ;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? Mr. Hinman of Charleston moved that it be

Ordered to lie.

Which motion was lost,

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bills of the following titles, reported adversely to their passage :

Whereupon the third reading of these bills was refused.

H. 144. An act changing the name of Carlton Wilson.

H. 66. An act to change the name of Thomas B. Jameson to Bird J. Chappell.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Franklin, from the Select Committee consisting of all the members from Windham County,

H. 147. An act laying a tax on the County of Windham.

By Mr. Huling, from the Committee on Corporations,

H. 137. An act in relation to the charter of the Winooski Flouring Company, and changing the name of said Company.

Senate bill entitled

S. 12. An act relating to witnesses in prosecutions for the violation of the provisions of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, and the several acts in addition thereto, and in amendment thereof;

Was taken up, read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate bill entitled

S. 21. An act to authorize the County Court to appoint administrators in certain cases;

Was taken up, read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Lynde of Marlboro it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

Senate bill entitled

S. 25. An act in relation to the collection of taxes;

Was taken up, read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Henry of Chester it was

Ordered to lie.

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up as unfinished business, read the third time and passed:

H. 71. An act in amendment of section forty-seven, chapter one hundred and twenty-six, of the General Statutes, relating to salaries, fees, etc.

H. 64. An act relating to Cemetery Associations.

H. 111. An act in amendment of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes.

H. 140. An act to amend section twenty-seven of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 26. An act repealing an act relating to reporters for the Senate, approved October 14, 1874 ;

In the passage of which the House is asked to concur.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 8. An act changing the time of holding the County Court and Court of Chancery of the County of Lamoille.

H. 30. An act to pay Wm. H. Lane and Son the sum therein named.

H. 36. An act to pay John Bailey, Jr., the sum therein named.

H. 92. An act entitled an act to pay Jeremiah McCarty the sum therein named.

H. 115. An act providing for the care of specimens in the State Cabinet and for additions to the same ;

And have concurred in the passage of the same.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 28. An act to amend " An act to amend section one of chapter eighty of the General Statutes ;"

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House is asked to concur.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Du Bois, of Randolph,

H. 181. An act fixing the time of holding the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Normal School at Randolph ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Sprague, of Brandon,

H. 182. An act to enlarge the area of human rights ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Martin, of Londonderry, called up House bill entitled

H. 82. An act in amendment of sections ten, eleven and twelve, of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace ;

And moved that the bill be dismissed, which motion was agreed to, so the bill was dismissed.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 28. An act to amend section one, of chapter eighty of the General Statutes.

The Senate propose to the House to amend, by adding thereto a section entitled

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage ;

The question being, Will the House concur in the amendmetn proposed by the Senate ? it was decided in the affirmative.

Senate bill entitled

S. 26. An act repealing an act relating to reporters of the Senate, approved October 14, 1874 ;

Was read the first and second times and referred to

The Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 74. An act in addition to chapter ninety-four, section eight, of the General Statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time tomorrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Bliss, of Bradford, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz. :

H. 15. An act to amend section seven of an act approved November 22, 1870, entitled an act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to Schools.

H. 38. An act to extend the provisions of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes as to the powers and duties of Town Clerks,

H. 105. An act to incorporate the Bennington County Savings Bank.

H. 8. An act changing the time of holding the County Court and Court of Chancery of the County of Lamoille.

H. 92. An act entitled an act to pay Jeremiah McCarty the sum therein named.

H. 115. An act providing for the care of specimens in the State Cabinet and for additions to the same.

H. 80. An act to pay William H. Lane and Son the sum therein named,

H. 36. An act to pay John Bailey, Jr., the sum therein named.

Mr. Crandall, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 100. An act relating to the village of Northfield ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 183. An act in relation to the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Savings Institution and Trust Company ;

To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Buchanan of Barnet,

H. 184. An act defining the powers and duties of Road Commissioners and Highway Surveyors ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Knight of North Hero,

H. 185. An act granting a ferry to John O'Neil ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Howe of Springfield,

H. 186. An act to repeal an act entitled an act to establish the Springfield Graded School District ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Spaulding of Barre,

H. 187. An act to abate and suppress nuisances ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro,

H. 188. An act to annex the town of Greensboro to the County of Caledonia ;

To the Select Committee to be raised under H. 177.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to request the House to return to the possession of the Senate House bill entitled

H. 36. An act to pay John Bailey, Jr., the sum therein named.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate that the bill above named has been approved and signed by his Excellency, the Governor, and that the House are unable to comply with the request of the Senate.

Mr. Huling, from the Select Committee to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message relating to the celebration

of Vermont's Centennials, submitted the following report with the accompanying bill entitled H. 189 :

To the House of Representatives:

The Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message relating to the celebration of Vermont's Centennials, respectfully report in part :

That they have had under consideration section twenty-three of the Militia act of 1872, and respectfully report the accompanying bill, and ask that it be referred to the Military Committee.

M. C. HULING,

For Committee.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE OF AN ACT
ENTITLED AN ACT FOR REORGANIZING THE MILITIA, APPROVED
NOVEMBER 27, 1872.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. Section twenty-three of an act entitled an act for the reorganizing the Militia, approved November 27, 1872, is hereby amended by striking out the word "twentieth" in the first line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "first."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage ;
Which was read the first and second times and referred
To the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Henry of Chester called up House bill entitled

H. 94. An act in amendment of section nineteen, of chapter twenty of the General Statutes, relating to the support of paupers.

The question being, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Lynde of Marlboro, the bill was dismissed.

Mr. Ladd of Alburgh called up House bill entitled

H. 136. An act to amend section four of an act establishing the annual salary of certain State officers, and the compensation of certain State employes, approved November 23, 1870 ;

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time?
on motion of Mr. Ladd it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Wednesday afternoon at two and one-half o'clock.

Mr. Du Bois of Randolph introduced a bill entitled

H. 190. An act to authorize the Trustees of West Randolph Academy to transfer the Academy building and other property ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred

To the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Erwin of Newport offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this House adjourn it be to meet Monday afternoon at the usual hour of meeting ;

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted? on motion of Mr. Estey of Brattleboro it was

Ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Swain of Rockingham the House adjourned,
yeas 75, nays 46.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Ladd of Alburgh introduced a bill of the following title :

H. 191. An act to amend section fourteen of chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the

various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Watts, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 163. An act in amendment of an act approved November 26, 1872, entitled an act in amendment of an act to incorporate the city of Burlington, approved November 22, 1864, and of the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted.

By Mr. Woodbridge, from the same Committee,

H. 173. An act to amend an act relating to check lists of voters, approved October 14, 1868, and to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act providing for a check list of voters, approved November 19, 1866, approved November 6, 1867.

Mr. Wales, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 54. An act for the punishment of attempts to commit offences ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Tuesday morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 166. An act to amend section seventy-two of chapter thirty-four of the General Statutes, relating to trustee process.

By Mr. Martin, from the same Committee,

H. 170. An act in addition to section six of chapter one of the General Statutes, and the act in amendment of said section, approved November 22, 1864.

By Mr. French, from the same Committee,

H. 110. An act relating to interest.

By Mr. French, from the same Committee,

H. 174. An act relating to interest.

Mr. Olmsted, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 157. An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish the Northfield Graded School District in Northfield ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 1. Section three of an act entitled an act to establish the Northfield Graded School District in Northfield, approved November 22, 1872, is hereby amended by inserting in said section the words *ancient languages*, before the words "modern languages," wherever the words modern languages now occur in said section;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 168. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses ;

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 74. An act in addition to section eight, chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Was taken up, read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury, the bill was committed to a member to amend, by striking out the words "one-half pint in quantity," Mr. Dillingham having been designated as such member; and the question recurring, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Olmsted of Townshend, the bill was recommitted

To the General Committee, for further consideration.

Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury, introduced a bill entitled

H. 192. An act to provide for a railroad police, and for the better protection of passengers upon railroad trains and at railroad stations ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred

To the Committee on Railroads.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington in the chair.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Martin, of Londonderry,

H. 193. An act to pay G. W. Warren the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

H. 194. An act to pay Chauncy Bryant the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

H. 195. An act to pay R. O. Ward the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Martin, of Chelsea, moved that the House do now adjourn ;

And the question being, Will the House now adjourn ?

Mr. Sargent, of Norwich, demanded the yeas and nays which were taken up, and are as follows :

The members who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	Edwards,	Martin of Londonderry,
Bailey,	Fairbanks,	Mason,
Barnum,	Fitch,	Morrissey,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Foster,	Olmsted,
Beers,	Gleason,	Perry,
Burnap of Calais,	Hager,	Prindle,
Burt,	Houghton,	Ranney of Athens,
Calley,	Howe of Springfield,	Reed,
Chadwick,	Hoyt,	Rose,
Clark of Jay,	Hutchinson,	Steele,
Clark of Stratford,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Stearns,
Colvin,	Kelton,	Sturges,
Coolidge,	Langfeld,	Taylor of Morgan,
Darling of Morristown,	Long,	Wales,
Davis,	Mack,	Webb,
Dickerman,	Macomber,	Webster of Franklin—50.
Dillingham,	Martin of Chelsea,	

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Dean,	Lazelle,	Tabor,
Drake,	Lyford,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Eastman,	Peck,	Titus of Vershire,
Gillett,	Pinney,	Tracy,
Hinman,	Sabin,	Whitcher,
Hotchkiss,	Sargent of Norwich,	Willis,
Josselyn,	Sargent of Wilmington,	Winchester—23.
Kent,	Sherwood,	
Ladd,	Swain,	

So the House adjourned.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Martin, of Londonderry, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Sabin, of Montpelier,

H. 196. An act to amend section nine, of an act to incorporate the village of Montpelier, approved November 14, 1855 ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Houghton, of Readsboro,

H. 197. An act laying a tax on the County of Bennington ;

To a select Committee consisting of all the members from Bennington County.

Mr. Blodgett, of St. Johnsbury, presented the petition of A. Stewart and forty others, citizens of the town of St. Johnsbury, praying for an amendment to section nine, chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, which was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Kelton of Montgomery, House bill entitled

H. 5. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Montgomery for the years of 1875 and 1876 ;

Was taken up, and the question being, Will the House agree to the amendment proposed by the Committee ? it was decided in the affirmative, whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Andrew, of Brighton, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Swain, of Rockingham,

H. 198. An act for the settlement and equal distribution among creditors of the estates of insolvent debtors ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wales, of Burlington,

H. 199. An act to pay Nathan Lockwood the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Curtis, of Lowell,

H. 200. An act to pay A. F. Harding the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Celley of Fairlee,

H. 201. An act to protect fish in Fairlee pond ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

H. 202. An act allowing the libellant and libellee in cases of divorce, to be witnesses ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Tabor, of Mount Tabor,

H. 203. An act to enable the Danby East Village Union Society to dispose of its meeting house ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill entitled

H. 54. An act for the punishment of attempts to commit offences ;

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Ladd, of Alburgh, presented the petition of John Barney, and one hundred and fifteen others, citizens of the town of Swanton, praying for the repeal of sections four and five and the amendment of section nine, of an act regulating the capture of fish and game, approved November 24, 1874 ;

Also the petition of Ezekiel Miller, and forty-four others, citizens of the town of Highgate, upon the same subject, which were referred

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

Mr. Eaton, of Danville, offered the following joint resolution:

WHEREAS, By an act of the General Assembly approved November 15, 1872, the Governor of this State was authorized to appoint some suitable person or persons to edit and publish the Journals of the Council of Safety, and the early Journals of the Governor and Council ; and

WHEREAS, Four volumes of such Journals having been published, covering the most important and interesting periods in the history of our State, from 1775 to 1804, at a cost of about twelve thousand dollars ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Governor be requested to suspend the further publication of said Journals until the present financial embarrassment of the people of the State is relieved by a return to the most rigid personal and public economy ;

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ?

On motion of Mr. Ladd, of Alburgh, it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Sprague, of Brandon, offered the following joint resolution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That both Houses meet in Joint Assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Thursday, November 9th, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, to elect a Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Sergeant-at-Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Quartermaster General, Judge Advocate General, Railroad Commissioner, Commissioner of Insane, Superintendent of the State Prison, three Directors of the State Prison, three Trustees of the Reform School and three Trustees of the Vermont University and State Agricultural College;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Blake, of Barton, introduced a bill entitled

H. 204. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Barton, approved November 21, 1874 ;

Which was read the first and second times, and referred To the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Lynde, of Marlboro, offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses without day, on Tuesday, the 21st day of November next, at six o'clock in the morning, and that no bill be introduced into either House without unanimous consent thereof, after Tuesday, November 14th ;

Which was read, and referred

To the Select Committee on Final Adjournment.

Mr. Blodgett, of St. Johnsbury, called up House bill entitled

H. 93. An act relating to cemetery associations ;

And the question being, Will the House agree to the amend-

ment proposed by the Committee? it was decided in the negative, so the amendment was disagreed to.

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Pollard, of Windsor, called up House bill entitled

H. 44. An act to pay William H. Boynton the sum therein named ;

And the question being, Will the House agree to the amendment proposed by the Committee? it was decided in the affirmative, so the amendment was agreed to.

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Moretown, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Senate bill entitled

S. 21. An act to authorize County Courts to appoint Administrators in certain cases ;

Was taken up as a special order, at this hour (two o'clock), and passed in concurrence, yeas 82, nays 51.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 47. An act to change the names of certain persons therein named ;

And have refused the third reading thereof.

The Senate have on their part adopted joint resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills entitled

H. 91. An act laying a tax on Harris' Gore.

H. 26. An act entitled an act to pay E. J. Hall the sum therein named.

H. 57. An act in relation to the election of electors of President and Vice-President ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 28. An act relating to exceptions in the County Courts.

S. 37. An act to simplify and expedite proceedings upon writs of quo warranto, mandamus and prohibition.

S. 48. An act requiring school district clerks to give notice of their election to their respective town clerks.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Committees of the two houses on the Judiciary, this evening, October 31st, for a hearing on the bill changing the terms of the Supreme Court ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second time, and referred, as follows :

S. 48. An act requiring school district clerks to give notice of their election to their respective town clerks ;

To the Committee on Education.

S. 37. An act to simplify and expedite proceedings upon writs of quo warranto, mandamus and prohibition ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 28. An act relating to exceptions in the County Courts ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the Auditor

of Accounts, under the joint resolution relative to the costs and expenses of State prosecutions, as follows :

AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
Montpelier, October 31, 1876. }

To the House of Representatives now in session :

In compliance with a resolution adopted by the House on the 27th instant, I respectfully submit the following report :

The great number of accounts necessary to be examined, and the limited time allowed me in order to ascertain and report in detail the information called for by your resolution, compel me to report in a more general manner than the terms of the resolution would seem to require. I can therefore give the House an estimate of the whole costs of prosecutions, including the board of prisoners in jail for offences under chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

I estimate the costs, in all the counties of this State for the two years ending July 31st, 1875 and 1876, to be forty seven thousand dollars.

I estimate that fines and costs imposed under said chapter are about forty-five thousand dollars, and that the amount of fines and costs collected and paid into the State Treasury, are about eighteen thousand dollars.

I further report that I estimate the amount paid by the State's Attorneys and for services in their absence to be three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and but a small amount of this sum is paid to attorneys to assist in the prosecution of offences under chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

Many of the fines imposed under said chapter are for intoxication and against persons in indigent circumstances and transient tramps, who have no residence or occupation in this State, and are committed to jails and remain there six months or a year; in some instances until pardoned by the Governor.

I regret that I cannot comply with the terms of your resolution and give amounts in each county. I can only report generally that the counties of Chittenden, Rutland and Franklin expend larger amounts in the prosecutions of these offences, than the other counties in the State, and said counties pay a greater sum for fines and costs to the State Treasurer than the other counties.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITMAN G. FERRIN,

Auditor of Accounts.

Which was read and on motion of Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven
Ordered to lie.

And on motion of Mr. Swain of Rockingham, the Clerk was directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Ladd of Alburgh presented the petition of S. H. Pike and one hundred and eighty-seven others, praying for the granting of a ferry between Isle La Motte and Alburgh, which was referred

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Randall, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 175. An act in addition to chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Grand List;"

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time tomorrow morning.

Mr. Stoddard of Fayston presented the petition of Charles L. Harrington and twenty others, citizens of the town of Fayston, praying for the protection of trout in the State of Vermont, which was referred

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Abell of Orwell,

H. 205. An act to enable the pew owners and proprietors of the Old Baptist Church in Orwell to dispose of the same ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Boynton of Hinesburgh,

H. 206. An act to pay Jeremiah O'Brien the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Lynde of Marlboro,

An act in relation to bowling alleys ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Willis of Stratton,

H. 208. An act to pay Calvin J. Weld the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 52. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the General Statutes, entitled of county jails and the confinement and discharge of prisoners ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out the word "four" in the sixth line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the word *six* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. French of Woodstock House bill entitled

H. 177. An act entitled an act to annex certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington and Windsor and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor counties, and for other purposes ;

Was taken up, and pending the reference thereof, it was on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea,

Ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Estey of Brattleboro the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time and passed :

H. 52. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the General Statutes, entitled, "Of County jails and the confinement and discharge of prisoners."

H. 93. An act in relation to cemetery associations.

H. 175. An act in addition to chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Grand List."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 71. An act in amendment of section forty-seven, chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes, relating to salaries, fees, etc. ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles.

H. 178. An act to amend "An act relating to check lists of voters," approved October 14, 1868, and to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act providing for a check list of voters," approved November 19, 1866, approved November 6, 1867.

H. 64. An act relating to cemetery associations ;
And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 7. An act amending an act in amendment of chapter eighty of the General Statutes.

S. 16. An act regulating appeals under chapter ninety-four, of the General Statutes, and the several acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

S. 4. An act authorizing the village of Rutland to borrow money on time, to increase and extend its present supply of water ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 140. An act to amend section twenty-seven of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

And have refused to concur in the passage thereof.

Mr. Lynde, from the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was recommitted House bill entitled

H. 48. An act establishing the salaries of certain State officers ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows :

First, By filling the blank in section one with the words, *fifteen hundred dollars, and six hundred and fifty dollars for clerk hire.*

Second, By filling the blank in section two with the words, *twelve hundred dollars, and five hundred dollars for clerk hire.*

Third, By filling the blank in section three with the words, *fifteen hundred dollars, and five hundred dollars for clerk hire.*

The question being, Will the House agree to the first amendment proposed by the committee? Mr. Blodgett, of St. Johnsbury, demanded the previous question, which was seconded, and the question being, Shall the main question be now put? it was decided in the negative, yeas 89, nays 95. On motion of Mr. Ladd, of Alburgh, the vote whereby the House refused to order the main question, was reconsidered, and the main question ordered, and put, to wit: Will the House agree to the first amendment proposed by the committee? and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Ladd, of Alburgh, moved to amend the bill by inserting the words *one thousand dollars, and six hundred and fifty dollars for clerk hire*, in the blank in the first section thereof. Mr. Olmsted, of Townshend, moved to amend the amendment by inserting in the first section the words, *sixteen hundred and fifty dollars*, and striking out the words "for clerk hire," which amendment was accepted by Mr. Ladd. Mr. Martin of Londonderry, moved an amendment to the amendment by inserting the words, *eighteen hundred dollars*, in place of the words, "sixteen hundred and fifty dollars," which amendment was also accepted by Mr. Ladd. Mr. Sprague moved to amend the amendment by inserting the words, *two thousand dollars*, in place of the words "eighteen hundred dollars," which was disagreed to, yeas 58, nays 137, and the question being, Will the House agree to the amendment, as proposed by Mr. Ladd? it was decided in the affirmative;

Pending the consideration of the second amendment proposed by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted, of Townshend, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Taylor, of Sherburne,

H. 209. An act for the protection of game and fish ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Colton of Irasburgh,

H. 210. An act in addition to an act providing for taxing bank stock in the several banking associations in this State, formed under the act of Congress, approved June 3, 1864, entitled "An act to provide a National Currency ;"

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

H. 211. An act to amend section four of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Missisquoi Bay Ferry Company, approved November 19, 1869 ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Newton of St. Albans,

H. 212. An act to pay D. J. Morrill the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Page of Groton,

H. 213. An act to change the name of a certain person therein named ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Spaulding of Barre,

H. 214. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Barre ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

Mr. Lengfeld of Isle La Motte presented the remonstrance of

H. G. Holcomb and forty-nine others, against House bill entitled
H. 104. An act granting a ferry to Dyer Hill and Henry O. Hill ;

Which was referred

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

House bill entitled

H. 48. An act establishing the salaries of certain State officers ;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Will the House agree to the second amendment proposed by the committee? Mr. Lynde of Marlboro moved to amend the amendment by striking out in the second section, the words "twelve hundred dollars and five hundred dollars for clerk hire," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *seventeen hundred dollars* ;

Which was agreed to. The question recurring, Will the House agree to the second amendment as proposed by the committee? it was decided in the affirmative.

The question being, Will the House agree to the third amendment proposed by the committee? Mr. Ladd moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words, "fifteen hundred dollars and five hundred dollars for clerk hire," in the third section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words *eighteen hundred dollars* ;

Which was agreed to.

The question recurring, Will the House agree to the third amendment proposed by the committee? it was decided in the affirmative ;

Whereupon the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 112. An act in amendment of section eighteen, of chapter

seventy-one of the General Statutes, relating to rights of married women ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended in the last line of the first page thereof by adding after the word "estate" the words *by her consent* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Andrew, from the General Committee,

H. 151. An act to change the names of Nettie Calista Howard and Hattie Flora Howard, and to make them heirs-at-law of Harrison Holden and Elzina Holden.

By Mr. Watts, from the Committee on Agriculture,

H. 169. An act amending an act establishing a Board of Agriculture, Mining and Statistics.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times and referred as follows :

S. 4. An act authorizing the village of Rutland to borrow money on time, to increase and extend its present supply of water ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

S. 7. An act amending an act in amendment of chapter eighty of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on Banks.

S. 16. An act regulating appeals under chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, and the several acts in amendment thereof, and in addition thereto ;

House bill entitled

H. 27. An act entitled an act to pay Robert C. Barnes the sum therein named ;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. McFarland, of Johnson, and

the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. McFarland, it was recommitted

To the Committee on Claims.

House bill entitled

H. 136. An act to amend section four of an act establishing the annual salary of certain State officers, and the compensation of certain State employes, approved November 23, 1870 ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (two and one-half o'clock), and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Ladd, of Alburgh, it was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for to-morrow afternoon at two and one-half o'clock.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Skeels, of Highgate,

H. 215. An act relating to town schools ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Sprague, of Brandon,

H. 216. An act to restore John B. Fersons to his legal rights and privileges ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary, together with the petition accompanying the same.

Joint resolution relating to national affairs, was taken up as a special order, at this hour (three o'clock);

The question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? Mr. Woodbridge, of Vergennes proposed to amend the same as follows :

To amend the first preamble by inserting before the word "domestic," the words *insurrection and*;

Strike out all after the word "and" at the end of the first preamble, and insert the following :

WHEREAS, In several of the Southern States, armed bands of men have appeared at numerous places, violently interfering

with the peace of society, and causing domestic violence and threatening insurrection ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the recent action of the President in sending to South Carolina a military force, for the purpose of suppressing domestic violence and threatened insurrection, there broadly manifested, was in support of good order, and the plainest principles of personal and political rights, and is hereby cordially approved ;

Which amendment was agreed to ; the question recurring, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ? Mr. Battell of Kipton, moved that it be

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for next Friday afternoon at three o'clock, and that the clerk be directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly ;

Which motion was lost, yeas 44, nays 116.

Mr. Eaton of Danville, offered the following amendment :

WHEREAS, The Governor of South Carolina has represented to the chief magistrate of this country, that his province was in a state of insurrection, and has appealed to the strong arm of the military power to protect the citizens of South Carolina in the free exercise of the elective franchise ; and

WHEREAS, Every judge in the said State, and every trial justice or other officer of the law from whom responses have been obtained in the State aforesaid, including also the president of the Chamber of Commerce, all the Methodist, Catholic and Episcopal Bishops, all the leading Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist and Jewish ministers, and the presidents of all the national and other banks, in the city of Charleston, deny in an open address to the people of the United States that any lawful cause exists for federal interference, deny totally that any part of the State is in insurrection ; and deny also that the law

cannot be enforced within the limits of the State without the aid of Government troops ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the representation of these men, comprising, as it does, the best men of the prostrate State of South Carolina, can be relied upon as truthfully expressing the present condition of affairs in that State, and that the call of Governor Chamberlin for a portion of the regular army to suppress domestic violence, was wholly unnecessary, and is hereby cordially disapproved ;

Which amendment was disagreed to, and the question again recurring. Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? On motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry, it was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Randall, of Hyde Park, offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That Dr. Middleton Goldsmith be invited to address the members of the two Houses, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Thursday evening, November 2d, on the subject of contagious diseases, and the legislation best adapted to prevent their spread ;

Which was read, and pending the question, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ?

On motion of Mr. Celley, of Fairlee, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time, and passed :

H. 48. An act establishing the salaries of certain State officers.

H. 112. An act in amendment of section eighteen of chapter seventy-one of the General Statutes, relating to rights of married women.

Mr. Olmsted, from the Select Committee on Final Adjournment, to whom was referred the joint resolution relating to final adjournment ;

Reported in favor of its adoption on the part of the House ;

The question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ? on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, it was amended by striking out the words "six o'clock in the morning," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *five o'clock in the afternoon*, and the resolution as amended was adopted on the part of the House.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 217. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act relating to the grand list," approved November 26, 1872 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Martin of Londonderry,

H. 218. An act authorizing the Vermont Valley Railroad Company to issue bonds ;

To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Dean, of Barnard,

H. 219. An act in amendment of, and in addition to, an act approved November 19, 1866, relating to fees of sheriffs and constables ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hazleton of Cavendish,

H. 220. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Cavendish, for the year 1876 ;

To the Committee on Grand List.

By Mr. Fuller, of Eden,

H. 221. An act to change the name of a certain person therein named ;

To the General Committee, together with the petition accompanying the same.

By Mr. French, of Woodstock,

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks ;

To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Hapgood, of Underhill,

H. 223. An act in amendment of section six, chapter one hundred and two of the General Statutes, relating to damages by reason of insufficiency of division fence ;

To the General Committee.

Mr. Foster, of Weston, offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That whereas, Middleton Goldsmith, one of the Fish Commissioners, has transmitted his report to the Governor, and whereas, it appears that Merritt C. Edmunds, the other Commissioner, has expended all, or nearly all of the money used by said Commission, therefore be it resolved that the Governor be requested to procure from said Edmunds a report in detail of the moneys expended by him on account of said Commission during the past four years, and transmit the same to the Legislature for their use ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 116. An act defining the measurement of round timber ;
Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Bushnell, of Starksboro, offered the following joint resolution :

WHEREAS, The members of the Legislature are anxious to remain at home to vote at the Presidential election ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That when we adjourn for the week, it be to meet on Wednesday of next week, at two o'clock in the afternoon ;

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? On motion of Mr. Woodbridge, of Vergennes, it was amended by striking out the words "two o'clock," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *three o'clock*, and also by adding after the word "week," the words *on Friday next* ;

Mr. Eaton, of Danville, demanded the previous question, and the question being, Will the House second the demand for the previous question? it was decided in the negative. Mr. Gale, of Elmore, moved that the resolution be ordered to lie, which motion was lost, and the question recurring, Shall the resolution as amended be adopted on the part of the House? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 140, nays 83.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Hutchinson, of Hancock, were taken, and are as follows :

The members who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Aldrich,	Hager,	Randall,
Alexander,	Hapgood,	Ranger,
Andrew,	Hemenway,	Ranney of Athens,
Bailey,	Henry,	Ranney of Pittsfield,
Barrett,	Hinman,	Reed,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Hotchkiss,	Richardson,
Beers,	Howe of Springfield,	Rood,
Biles,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Rose,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Hoyt,	Russell,
Bourn,	Huling,	Safford,
Boynton,	Isham,	Sargent of Norwich,
Braley,	Jenkins of Burke,	Savage,
Briggs,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Shaw,
Brown of Pawlet,	Johnson of Vernon,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Burbank,	Johnston,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Burnap of Somerset,	Kelton,	Sherwood,
Bushnell,	Kingsley,	Shores,
Calderwood,	Ladd,	Skeels,
Camp,	Landon,	Skinner,
Chadwick,	Lazelle,	Slayton,
Chamberlin,	Lincoln,	Spaulding,
Cheney,	Lindsay,	SPEAKERS,
Clark of Jay,	Long,	Stearns,
Clark of Strafford,	Lyford,	Sturgess,
Colton,	Lynde,	Sturtevant,
Coolvin,	McGregor,	Sulloway,
Coolidge,	Mack,	Tabor,
Crane of Bridport,	Macomber,	Taylor of Morgan,
Cummings,	Martin of Chelsea,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Davis,	Martin of Londonderry,	Templeton,
Dean,	Morrissey,	Thornton,
Dickerman,	Nelson,	Titus of Vershire,
Eastman,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Townshend,
Edwards,	Newton of St. Albans,	Tyler,
Erwin,	Nichols,	Uford,
Etey,	Olmsted,	Wales,
Everest,	Page of Cambridge,	Watts,
Fairbanks,	Page of Groton,	Webb,
Farwell,	Parsons,	Webster of Franklin,
Fitch,	Patrick,	Wells,
Ford,	Paul,	Wheeler,
Foster,	Peake,	White,
French,	Pearl,	Willey,
Gillett,	Peck,	Willis,
Gleason,	Perry,	Winchester,
Gray,	Pollard,	Woodbridge—140.
Guernsey,	Prindle,	

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Darling of Morristown,	Hayward,
Abell of West Haven,	Darling of Worcester,	Hazelton,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Denny,	Hodgkins,
Adams of Newbury,	Dewey,	Hopkins,
Barnum,	Dillingham,	Hutchinson,
Bartlett,	Drake,	Johnson of Leicester,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Du Bois,	Josselyn,
Blake,	Eaton of Danville,	Kelley,
Birkett,	Eaton of Middlesex,	Kent,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Eaton of Rochester,	McFarland,
Brown of Goshen,	Eayres,	Parker of Putney,
Brown of Waterford,	Ellis,	Parker of Reading,
Buchanan,	Evans,	Pinney,
Bucklin,	Farrand,	Pitkin,
Burnap of Calais,	Follansby,	Potter,
Burt,	Francis,	Prouty,
Celley,	Franklin,	Roaine,
Chase,	Freeman,	Roscoe,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Frizzell,	Rowland,
Coburn,	Fuller,	Sabin,
Crandall,	Gale,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Crane of Williamstown,	Goodrich,	Simonds,
Curtis,	Hamilton,	Spear,
	Haynes,	Sprague,

Stannard,
Stoddard of Fayston,
Swain,
Tilden,

Titus of Lemington,
Tracy,
Webster of Cabot,
Webster of Sudbury,

Whitcher,
Wilbur,
Wright—83,

Joint resolution relating to national affairs was taken up, as a special order at this hour (eleven o'clock), the question being, Shall the resolution as amended be adopted on the part of the House? Pending the question,

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Brandon the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to request the House to return to the possession of the Senate House bill entitled

H. 140. An act to amend section twenty-seven, of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

And the Clerk was directed to return the bill to the possession of the Senate, as requested.

Mr. Beers of Bolton offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A deep and absorbing interest is felt in the matter of certain resolutions relative to national affairs, now before this House;

WHEREAS, A large number of members of this House, on both sides, desire more information upon the subject matter under consideration than will be likely to be afforded by the members of this House who will participate in the discussion, to the end that they may act intelligently in the matter; therefore,

Resolved, That this House do extend an invitation to the Hon. Luke P. Poland and the Hon. Edward J. Phelps to address them upon this subject at such times as may be convenient;

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted? Mr. Adams of Enosburgh moved to amend by adding thereto, the words *except during the regular session of the House* ;

Which was disagreed to and the adoption of the resolution was refused.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 28. An act relating to exceptions in the County Court;
Reported in favor of its passage,

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time tomorrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Peck, from the General Committee,

H. 139. An act entitled an act to change the name of Laura M. Linsley.

By Mr. Kelton, from the same Committee,

H. 113. An act to change the name of the person therein mentioned.

By Mr. Eaton, from the same Committee,

H. 121. An act changing the name of Sabra R. Buck to Sabra R. Root.

By Mr. Roscoe, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 90. An act to pay David Stearns the sum therein named.

Joint resolution relating to national affairs was taken up as unfinished business, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 189, nays 30.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Bliss of Bradford, were taken, and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Fitch,	Peake,
Abell of West Haven,	Ford,	Pearl,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Foster,	Peck,
Adams of Newbury,	Franklin,	Perry,
Alexander,	Freeman,	Pitkin,
Andrew,	French,	Pollard,
Barnum,	Frizzell,	Prindle,
Barrett,	Gale,	Prouty,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Gillett,	Randall,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Gleason,	Ranger,
Battell,	Goodrich,	Ranney of Athens,
Birkett,	Gray,	Ranney of Pittsfield,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Guernsey,	Reed,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Hager,	Richardson,
Bourne,	Hamilton,	Romaine,
Boynton,	Hapgood,	Rood,
Braley,	Haynes,	Roscoe,
Briggs,	Hayward,	Rose,
Brown of Goshen,	Hazelton,	Russell,
Brown of Pawlet,	Hemenway,	Sabin,
Brown of Waterford,	Henry,	Safford,
Buchanan,	Hinman,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Bucklin,	Hopkins,	Savage,
Burbank,	Hotchkiss,	Shaw,
Burnap of Calais,	Howe of Springfield,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Burnap of Somerset,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Burt,	Hoyt,	Shores,
Bushnell,	Hutchinson,	Simonds,
Calderwood,	Isham,	Skeels,
Camp,	Jenkins of Burke,	Skinner,
Celley,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Slayton,
Chadwick,	Johnson of Leicester,	Spaulding,
Chamberlin,	Johnson of Vernon,	SPEAKER,
Chase,	Johnston,	Sprague,
Cheney,	Kelley,	Stannard,
Clark of Jay,	Kelton,	Stearns,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Kent,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Clark of Stratford,	Kingsley,	Sturges,
Colvin,	Ladd,	Sturtevant,
Coolidge,	Landon,	Sulloway,
Crandall,	Lazelle,	Swain,
Crane of Bridport,	Lincoln,	Tabor,
Crane of Williamstown,	Lindsay,	Taylor of Morgan,
Cummings,	Long,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Curtis,	Lyford,	Templeton,
Darling of Morristown,	Lynde,	Thornton,
Darling of Worcester,	Mack,	Titus of Lemington,
Davis,	Macomber,	Tyler,
Denny,	Martin of Chelsea,	Uford,
Dewey,	Martin of Londonderry,	Wales,
Dickerman,	Needham,	Watts,
Dillingham,	Neison,	Webb,
Du Bois,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Webster of Cabot,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Newton of St. Albans,	Webster of Franklin,
Eaton of Rochester,	Nichols,	Wells,
Eayres,	Olmsted,	Wheeler,
Edwards,	Page of Cambridge,	White,
Ellis,	Page of Groton,	Wilbur,
Erwin,	Parker of Putney,	Willey,
Estey,	Parker of Reading,	Willis,
Everest,	Parsons,	Winchester,
Fairbanks,	Patrick,	Woodbridge,
Farrand,	Paul,	Wright—189.

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Aldrich,	Farwell,	Rowland,
Battell,	Follansby,	Sargent of Norwich,
Beers,	Francis,	Sherwood,
Bliss,	Hodgkins,	Spear,
Cblton,	Huling,	Stoddard of Poultney,
Dean,	Josselyn,	Titus of Vershire,
Drake,	McGregor,	Townshend,
Eastman,	Morrissey,	Tracy,
Eaton of Danville,	Pinney,	Webster of Sudbury,
Evans,	Potter,	Whitcher—30.

So the resolution was adopted on the part of the House.

House bill entitled

H. 136. An act to amend section four of an act establishing the annual salary of certain State officers and the compensation of certain State employes, approved November 23, 1870 ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour, (two and one-half o'clock). The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Swain of Rockingham moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "nine hundred," in line nine of section one, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *seven hundred and fifty*, and by striking out the words "six hundred" in line eleven of section one, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *five hundred*;

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. French moved to further amend by inserting after section one the following section :

Sec. 2. That portion of said section four which allows a salary to the Assistant Adjutant General is hereby repealed.

Which was agreed to,

Whereupon the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he on the first day of November approved and signed a bill originating in the House of the following title, viz. :

H. 28. An act to amend "An act to amend section one of chapter eighty of the General Statutes."

And has also this day approved and signed bills of the following titles, viz. :

H. 57. An act in relation to the election of electors of President and Vice President.

H. 26. An act entitled an act to pay E. J. Hall the sum therein named.

H. 91. An act laying a tax on Harris' Gore.

H. 178. An act to amend "An act relating to check lists of voters, approved October 14, 1868," and to amend an act entitled "An act to amend 'An act providing for a check list of voters,' approved November 19, 1866, approved November 6, 1867."

I am also directed by the Governor to deliver to the House of Representatives a communication, in writing, with accompanying documents.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 81. An act to empower Fire District No. 1, in Brandon, to bring water into said district, and to issue its bonds for that purpose;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House relating to fish commissioners,

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate have adopted a joint resolution originating in the Senate, relating to fisheries in waters within the jurisdiction in part of different States and the British Provinces;

And ask the House to concur in the adoption of the same.

The Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House relating to temporary adjournment;

And have adopted the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment;

In the adoption of which the House is asked to concur.

Mr. Sprague of Brandon, presented the petition of the presi-

dent and officers of the Farmers and Mechanics' Club of Brandon, praying for legislation in regard to Fish and Game ;

Which was read and referred

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

Mr. Paul, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 129. An act concerning dogs and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by striking out all of "section thirteen," and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

Sec. 13. That part of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes which relates to the taxation of dogs, is hereby repealed.

Mr. Randall, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 20. An act laying a tax on the county of Lamoille ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out in the first line of section one, the word "six," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word *four* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to joint resolution originating in the House, relating to temporary adjournment ;

The Senate propose to the House to amend the resolution as follows :

First, By striking out in line seven of the resolution after the word "when," the word "we," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *the two Houses*.

Second, By striking out in the same line of said resolution, the words *for the week*.

Third, By inserting after the word "Friday" in the seventh line, the word *afternoon*.

The question being, Will the House concur in the first amendment proposed by the Senate? it was decided in the affirmative;

The question then being, Will the House concur in the second amendment proposed by the Senate? it was decided in the affirmative.

The question now being, Will the House concur in the third amendment proposed by the Senate? it was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House relating to national affairs;

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from his Excellency, the Governor, as follows:

STATE OF VERMONT.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Montpelier, November 2d, 1876. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith to the House of Representatives, for the use of the General Assembly, a communication from a committee appointed by the State Medical Society, to memorialize the Legislature, concerning the appointment of a commission to examine the laws of the State relating to the public health, and suggest such revision as shall seem necessary for the better protection of the sanitary and hygienic interests of the people.

The matter commends itself to my own judgment, and I trust the Legislature will give the subject careful attention and considerate action.

HORACE FAIRBANKS.

Which memorial was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

To His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable Legislature of the State of Vermont:—The undersigned were appointed by the Vermont State Medical Society, as a committee, to memorialize the Legislature of the State, with reference to the appointment, by His Excellency the Governor, of a commission consisting of three suitable persons who should be charged with the duty of examining and considering the laws of the State relating to the public health, and suggesting such revision of, or amendments thereto, or such additional legislation upon sanitary matters, as they shall deem most conducive to the sanitary and hygienic interests of the people of the State.

In accordance with the duty thus imposed upon us, we respectfully present the following consideration.

During the past few years the attention of the medical profession has been specially directed to the causes and the prevention of disease. The progress in this direction has been so rapid and thorough that it is now well understood among medical men that the approach of certain diseases can be anticipated and prevented, by careful sanitary supervision and proper quarantine regulation, and that several of the contagious and infectious diseases can be arrested in their progress, mitigated in their severity, and lessened in their duration and mortality, less by the administration of drugs, than by the judicious application of sanitary science in avoiding the causes, and destroying in their incubation the germs which originate and perpetuate them. Notably in the list of such diseases are cholera, small pox, typhoid fever, consumption, diphtheria, from which large numbers of our population annually die. A practical knowledge of the principles of sanitary science, and a proper dissemination of hygienic regulations among the people, enforced by such enactments of the Legislature as will render them effective and efficient, will in

the opinion of your memorialists, greatly reduce the mortality from all diseases of a contagious nature.

And further, the duty of the State to protect the lives and the health of its citizens is admitted. By enactments and penalties, the life of the citizen is so carefully guarded as to be comparatively secure. The State also recognizes the duty of guarding against pestilence and contagion, by laws which abate nuisances, and which require precaution when contagious diseases are already present! But in the opinion of your memorialists, those laws are not fully abreast with the advance of sanitary science. They need revision, and amendment, and possibly some new legislation to give them proper efficiency. Moreover, the people should be instructed how to use the "ounce of prevention" so as to avoid the "pound of cure."

Your memorialists therefore respectfully ask the State Legislature, who are the custodians of all legal powers, and the guardians of the public welfare, to authorize a commission that shall impart this instruction and suggest the enactments necessary to make it practical and efficient.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. BUTLER,	}	Committee.
P. D. BRADFORD,		
H. D. HOLTON,		

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Joint resolution relative to fisheries in waters within the jurisdiction in part of different States and the British Provinces :

WHEREAS, Under existing provisions of law and treaty there is no adequate means of preventing or punishing the wrongful destruction of fish in the waters partly within the jurisdiction of the several States and the British Provinces of North America, by reason of which great injury is done to an important branch of industry, commerce and food supply of the United States ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Vermont, That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress be requested, to use all proper efforts to the end of preserving and protecting such fisheries, and the interest of citizens of the United States in the same;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

House bill entitled

H. 177. An act entitled an act to annex certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor counties, and for other purposes;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea. The question being, Shall the bill be referred to a Select Committee of seven members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker?

Mr. French of Woodstock moved to amend by striking out the words "A Select Committee of seven members to be appointed by the Speaker," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *A Committee of the whole House.*

Pending the question, Mr. Alexander of Guilford moved that the House adjourn;

Which motion was lost.

The question being, Will the House agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. French? it was decided in the negative, yeas 67, nays 137.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Eaton of Danville, were taken and are as follows:

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Newbury,
Bliss,
Braley,
Burnap of Calais,
Burnap of Somerset,
Camp,
Chamberlin,
Cheney,
Clark of Jay,
Clark of Strafford,
Cotton,

Coolidge,
Cummings,
Dean,
Eastman,
Eaton of Rochester,
Ellis,
Erwin,
Estey,
Fairbanks,
Farrand,
Fitch,

Follansby,
Franklin,
French,
Frizzell,
Gleason,
Hinman,
Howe of Springfield,
Howe of Tunbridge,
Hoyt,
Joselyn,
Kelley,

Lindsay,
Lynde,
Martin of Chelsea,
Nelson,
Olmsted,
Parker of Putney,
Parker of Reading,
Patrick,
Paul,
Perry,
Pinney,
Pitkin,

Pollard,
Ranney of Athens,
Reed,
Rowland,
Sargent of Wilmington,
Savage,
Shores,
Skinner,
Stearns,
Sturgess,
Swain,
Taylor of Morgan,

Taylor of Sherburne,
Templeton,
Thornton,
Titus of Lemington,
Titus of Vershire,
Wells,
Whitcher,
White,
Willis,
Wright—67.

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,
Abell of West Haven,
Adams of Enosburgh,
Aldrich,
Alexander,
Andrew,
Bailey,
Barnum,
Barrett,
Bartlett,
Batchelder of Arlington,
Birkett,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,
Bourn,
Briggs,
Brown of Goshen,
Brown of Pawlet,
Brown of Waterford,
Buchanan,
Bucklin,
Burbank,
Burt,
Bushnell,
Caldenwood,
Celley,
Chadwick,
Chase,
Clark of Stockbridge,
Coburn,
Colvin,
Crandall,
Crane of Bridport,
Crane of Williamstown,
Darling of Morristown,
Darling of Worcester,
Davis,
Denny,
Dewey,
Dickerman,
Dillingham,
Drake,
Du Bois,
Eaton of Danville,
Eaton of Middlesex,
Eayres,
Edwards,

Everest,
Farwell,
Ford,
Foster,
Francis,
French,
Gale,
Goodrich,
Gray,
Guernsey,
Hager,
Hamilton,
Hapgood,
Haynes,
Hayward,
Hemenway,
Henry,
Hopkins,
Hotchkiss,
Huling,
Hutchinson,
Isham,
Jenkins of Burke,
Jenkins of East Haven,
Johnson of Leicester,
Johnson of Vernon,
Johnston,
Kelton,
Kent,
Kingsley,
Ladd,
Landon,
Lazelle,
Lincoln,
Long,
Lyford,
Macomber,
Martin of Londonderry,
Morrissey,
Needham,
Newton of Mount Holly,
Newton of St. Albans,
Nichols,
Page of Cambridge,
Page of Groton,
Parsons,

Pearl,
Peck,
Potter,
Prindle,
Prouty,
Randall,
Ranger,
Ranney of Pittsfield,
Richardson,
Romaine,
Rood,
Roscoe,
Rose,
Russell,
Sabin,
Safford,
Sargent of Wilmington,
Savage,
Shaw,
Sheldon of Rupert,
Sheldon of Rutland,
Shores,
Skeels,
Spaulding,
Spear,
Sprague,
Stannard,
Stoddard of Fayston,
Sturtevant,
Sulloway,
Tilden,
Townshend,
Tyler,
Uford,
Wales,
Watts,
Webb,
Webster of Cabot,
Webster of Franklin,
Webster of Sudbury,
Wheeler,
Wilbur,
Wiley,
Winchester,
Woodbridge—137.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

Pending the original question, Mr. Page of Groton moved that the House adjourn ;

Which motion was lost.

The question recurring, Shall the bill be referred to a Select Committee of seven members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker? it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Skeels of Highgate the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Senate bill entitled

S. 28. An act relating to exceptions in the County Court
Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 136. An act to amend section four of an act establishing
the annual salary of certain State officers, and the compensation
of certain State employes, approved November 23, 1870 ;

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 129. An act concerning dogs, and for the protection of
sheep and other domestic animals ;

Was taken up, read the third time, and the question
being, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Parker of Reading moved that
it be recommitted to a member with instructions to amend by
striking out the word "two" before the word "dollars," in the
last line of section one, and inserting in lieu thereof the word
three ;

Which was disagreed to.

And the bill was passed.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the message of his Excellency, the Governor,
sent to the House of Representatives yesterday (November 2)
be referred to a Select Committee of seven members thereof,
who shall have power to send for persons and papers, and
report by bill or otherwise :

Which was read and adopted.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the Committee on Mileage and Debentures.

(For report see Appendix "A.")

Which was read by the Clerk, and on motion of Mr. Sargent of Norwich, was recommitted

To the Committee on Mileage and Debentures.

Mr. Hinman, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 165. An act to incorporate the Farmers and Mechanics' Exchange ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and the question being, Shall the bill pass ? on motion of Mr. Abell of West Haven it was

Ordered to lie.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House relating to the election of certain officers ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House is asked to concur.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 147. An act laying a tax on the county of Windham.

H. 100. An act relating to the village of Northfield.

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 20. An act laying a tax on the county of Lamoille.

And have passed the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the House is asked to concur.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to joint resolution relating to the election of certain State officers.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the resolution as follows :

By striking out in line four of the resolution the words "Thursday, November 9th," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, *Wednesday, November 15.*

The question being, Will the House concur in the amendment proposed by the Senate? it was decided in the negative.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 20. An act laying a tax on the county of Lamoille.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows :

By striking out the word "Constable" wherever it occurs in said bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the words *Collector of taxes* :

Which amendment was concurred in.

Mr. Huling, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 190. An act to authorize the Trustees of West Randolph Academy to transfer the Academy building and other property ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 148. An act to pay W. H. Morris the sum therein named ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Adams of Enosburgh introduced a bill entitled

H. 224. An act relating to the Vermont and Canada Railroad Company ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred

To the Committee on Railroads.

And on motion of Mr. Adams, the Clerk was directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Hazelton of Cavendish introduced a bill entitled

H. 225. An act to incorporate the Cime Savings Bank of Cavendish ;

Which was read the first and second times and referred

To the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Sheldon of Rutland presented the petition of John B. Page and eighty-seven others, citizens of the town of Rutland, praying for an amendment of section nine, chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

Which was read and referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Eaton of Danville the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Bucklin, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 86. An act to protect fish in Deerfield River and its tributaries ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Thursday morning.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 47. An act to pay Charles L. Bullard the sum therein named.

S. 49. An act in amendment of section six of an act entitled "An act enlarging the powers of school district-number four in Middlebury," approved November 15, 1866.

S. 50. An act relating to the licensing of teachers.

S. 68. An act to amend an act in addition to chapter twenty-five of the General Statutes, entitled "Of repairs of highways and bridges ;"

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills entitled

H. 4. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Hancock.

H. 29. An act to legalize the grand lists of the town of Sandgate for the years 1874 and 1875.

H. 163. An act in amendment of an act approved November 26, 1872, entitled "An act in amendment of an act to incorporate the city of Burlington," approved November 22, 1864, and of the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bills entitled

H. 5. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Montgomery for 1876.

H. 56. An act in amendment of section twenty, chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Statutes.

H. 119. An act to amend section four of an act approved November 18, 1874, and section one of an act approved November 24, 1874.

H. 157. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish Northfield Graded School District in Northfield."

H. 24. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bakersfield for the years 1875 and 1876.

H. 164. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Woodford for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House is asked to concur.

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles :

S. 18. An act relating to witnesses in prosecutions for the violation of the provisions of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, and the several acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof.

S. 21. An act to authorize the County Court to appoint administrators in certain cases.

The Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 187. An act in relation to the charter of Winooski Flouring Company and changing the name of said company ;

In the passage of which they do not concur.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed a bill originating in the House, of the following title:

H. 64. An act relating to cemetery associations.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second time and referred as follows :

S. 50. An act relating to the licensing of teachers ;
To the Committee on Education.

S. 63. An act to amend an act in addition to chapter twenty-five of the General Statutes, entitled "Of repairs of highways and bridges ;"

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

S. 49. An act in amendment of section six of an act entitled "An act enlarging the powers of school district number four in Middlebury," approved November 15, 1866 ;

To the Committee on Education.

S. 47. An act to pay Charles L. Bullard the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 5. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Montgomery for 1876.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

By adding at the end of the first section, "*the same as if said grand list had been properly signed by the listers of said town during said year, and the proper oaths seasonably subscribed and sworn to by said listers ;*"

And the House concur therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 56. An act in amendment of section twenty, chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Statutes.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

First, By striking out the words "*without authority*," in the fourth line of section one.

Second, By striking out the word "*or*," in the fifth line of said section, and insert in lieu thereof, the word *and*.

Third, Insert after the word "*two*," in the thirteenth line, the words *nor more than ten*.

Fourth, Add at the end of the section, the words *but not to exceed in all twenty years*.

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 119. An act to amend section four of an act approved November 18, 1874, and section one of an act approved November 24, 1874.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner:

Insert after the word "act," in the second line, section one, *approved November 18, 1874*.

Also in section two, insert after the word "act," in the first line, *approved November 24, 1874*;

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 157. An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish Northfield graded school district in Northfield.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner:

Insert the words *and modern*, after the word "ancient," in the fourth line of section one;

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 24. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bakersfield, for the years 1875 and 1876.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner:

By adding after the word "valid," at the end of the first section:

The same as if said grand list had been properly signed by the listers of said town during said years and the proper oaths seasonably subscribed and sworn to by said listers:

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 164. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Woodford, for the years 1875 and 1876.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Add after the word "valid," in the seventh line, *the same as if said grand list had been properly signed by the listers of said town during said year, and the proper oaths seasonably subscribed and sworn to by said listers;*

And the House concurred therein ;

Also strike out "and" in the fourth line, after the word "valid" and insert in lieu thereof, the words *as to ;*

And the House refused to concur therein ;

Also insert in section one, line four, after the word "assessed," the words *or to be assessed ;*

And the House refused to concur therein.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Webster, from the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries,

H. 39. An act relating to highways.

H. 78. An act entitled an act to amend section two of an act approved November 22, 1864, in amendment of chapter twenty-five of the General Statutes.

By Mr. Hayward, from the Committee on Grand List,

H. 179. An act in amendment of an act relating to the

assessment and collection of taxes, approved November 24, 1874.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Education,

H. 181. An act fixing the time for holding the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Normal School at Randolph.

By Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Banks,

H. 183. An act in relation to the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Savings Institution and Trust Company.

By Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on the Grand List,

H. 220. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Cavendish, for the year 1876.

By Mr. Erwin, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries,

H. 83. An act to protect fish in Ray pond in Wilmington.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees, to whom they had been referred, favorably, and ordered to be read the third time next Thursday morning.

By Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Education,

S. 48. An act requiring school district clerks to give notice of their election to their respective town clerks.

By Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Banks,

S. 7. An act amending an act in amendment of chapter eighty of the General Statutes.

By Mr. Olmsted, from the Committee on Education,

H. 171. An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize school districts to send scholars to academies, in certain cases therein named.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 2. An act to enable the village of St. Albans to issue its bonds ;

Reported, recommending that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill as follows :

Insert after the word "empowered," in the fourth line of section one, the words, *by and with the assent of a majority of the legal voters of said village at a meeting duly warned for that purpose ;*

After section one insert the following :

Sec. 2. Said bonds shall be signed by the Trustees and countersigned by the Treasurer and Clerk of said village, and the interest coupons thereto attached shall be signed by the Treasurer only ;

Which amendments were agreed to, whereupon the bill was read the third time, and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the office of an Attorney General, and the trial of criminal cases ;

Reported for a majority of the committee, recommending the passage of an accompanying bill entitled

H. 226. An act creating the office of an Attorney General, defining his duties, and the duties of other officers with reference thereto ;

Which was read the first and second times, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? was on motion of Mr. French,

Ordered to lie, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same, for the use of the General Assembly.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows :

By Mr. Huling, of Bennington,

That of W. B. Sheldon and three hundred and fifty-two others, praying for a law regulating the number of hours which shall constitute a day's work ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Sheldon, of Rutland,

That of Solomon Jewett, and others, praying for protection to fruit culturists in the production of plums and cherries ;

To the Committee on Agriculture.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Sprague of Brandon,

H. 227. An act to incorporate the Brandon Aqueduct Company ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. McFarland, of Johnson,

H. 228. An act conferring additional powers upon the Trustees of the Vermont Reform School ;

To the Committee on the Reform School.

By Mr. Newton, of St. Albans,

H. 229. An act to increase the efficiency of the militia ;

To the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hayward, of Weybridge,

H. 230. An act fixing the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Newton of St. Albans, the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1876.

The House convened at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Rowland of Corinth,

H. 231. An act to incorporate the First Congregational Society in Corinth ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,

H. 232. An act in amendment of section forty-two of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hapgood of Underhill,

H. 233. An act in addition to chapter twenty-four of the General Statutes, relating to cross roads and lanes ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges, and Ferries.

By Mr. Safford of Westminster,

H. 234. An act repealing an act approved November 12, 1874, entitled an act in relation to the two parishes in the town of Westminster ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wheeler of Berkshire,

H. 235. An act in relation to appointment of guardians for married women in certain cases ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Martin of Chelsea,

H. 236. An act enabling the proprietors and pew owners of the Congregational meeting house in Bristol village to dispose of the same ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Follansby of Guildhall,

H. 237. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Maidstone, for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Guernsey of Castleton,

H. 238. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Castleton for 1876 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Du Bois of Randolph,

H. 239. An act to pay John L. Moses and Willis W. Morton the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 240. An act to incorporate the Ethan Allen Engine Company Number four ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Abell of Orwell,

H. 241. An act to amend an act approved November 6, 1857;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Kelton of Montgomery,

H. 242. An act laying a tax on the grand list of Avery's Gore, in the County of Franklin;

To the Committee on Land Taxes, together with the petitions accompanying the same.

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

H. 243. An act entitled an act to amend section twenty of an act entitled an act relating to insurance, approved November 24, 1874;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Peck of Ira presented the petition of James C. Giddings and twenty-eight others, citizens of the town of Ira, praying for amendments to section nine, chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes;

Which was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Olmsted, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 46. An act to amend section one of an act relating to the division of public money among school districts, and in amendment of sections eighty-three and eighty-six, of chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, approved November 24, 1874;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following substitute bill:

H. 244. AN ACT RELATING TO DIVISION OF PUBLIC MONEY AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHERE THE AMOUNT IS TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. When the proceeds of the tax assessed by the selectmen, with the income of any town appropriated to the use of schools, and all sums raised by vote of the town for such use, shall amount to twelve hundred dollars or more, one-third part of such sum shall annually, on the Friday next preceeding the last Tuesday in March, be divided by the selectmen of such town equally between the several common school districts without regard to the number of scholars such district may contain, and the remaining two-thirds shall be divided in the same manner as is provided for the remaining one-half in sections one and two of "An act relating to the division of public money among school districts, and in amendment of sections eighty-three and eighty-six of chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes," approved November 24, 1874. Provided, also, that nothing herein shall affect the powers of the Montpelier Union district under the act entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of such district," approved November 21, 1859.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Tuesday at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Henry of Chester introduced a bill entitled

H. 245. An act to authorize the Trustees of Chester Academy to convey the Academy building and other property;

Which was read the first and second times and referred To the Committee on Education.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence :

S. 7. An act amending an act in amendment of chapter eighty of the General Statutes.

S. 48. An act requiring school district clerks to give notice of their election to their respective town clerks.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed :

H. 86. An act to protect fish in Deerfield River and its tributaries.

H. 171. An act to amend an act entitled, "An act to authorize school districts to send scholars to academies in certain cases named therein."

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second time and referred as follows :

By Mr. Du Bois of Randolph,

H. 246. An act relating to the Normal Schools of this State ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. McFarland of Johnson,

H. 247. An act defining Graded Schools and Graded School Districts ;

To the Committee on Education.

Mr. Sargent of Wilmington presented the remonstrance of M. R. Crosby and eighty-seven others, citizens of the town of Wilmington, against the passage of H. 177, and against any change in county lines in the State of Vermont ;

Which was referred to the Select Committee to whom was referred House bill entitled H. 177.

On motion of Mr. Foster of Weston, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from Hon. George F. Edmunds, United States Senator :

BURLINGTON, November 4, 1876.

*To the Honorable Redfield Proctor, President of the Senate, and
John W. Stewart, Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :

I have had the honor to receive the invitation contained in the joint resolution of the two Houses, recently passed, inviting the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress, to address the Legislature on the political questions of the country. I beg to express through you, to the Senate and House of Representatives, my thanks for the invitation, and to recognize the fitness of such calls for information and explanation touching the public interests entrusted by the State to its representatives in the National councils. Were it practicable, therefore, I should be very glad to comply with the request, for there are now pending many subjects of general concern to the Republic, that cannot fail to be deeply interesting and important to a people that believe in, and practice the principles contained in our State Constitution, as well as in that of the United States. But I greatly regret that circumstances requiring my presence in Washington compel me to excuse myself from what would otherwise be a most agreeable duty.

With the assurance of the highest respect for the Legislature of our old Commonwealth I am very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE F. EDMUNDS.

Which was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Calderwood, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 77. An act to incorporate the Newbury Seminary and Female Institute ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by striking out the word "Female" wherever it occurs, and inserting in lieu thereof the word *Ladies* ;

Also, by striking out all after the word "may" in the eighth line of section five, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :
Award diplomas to students of said Institute, whom they shall deem worthy ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 56. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes ;

In the passage of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 43. An act to incorporate the Glenwood Classical Seminary ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills entitled

H. 44. An act to pay William H. Boynton the sum therein named.

H. 143. An act in addition to an act incorporating the Woodstock Railroad Company.

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill entitled

S. 2. An act to enable the village of St. Albans to issue its bonds.

And have concurred in the adoption of the same.

The Senate have considered joint resolution from the House relating to final adjournment.

And have adopted the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered their proposals of amendment to joint resolution from the House relating to the election of certain State officers, and insist upon said proposals of amendment, and they ask of the House a committee of conference to consist of three Senators and three members of the House.

And the President has appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senator Eldredge,

“ Cushman,

“ Sowles.

The question being, Will the House concur with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference under the disagreement upon the joint resolution relating to the election of certain State officers? it was decided in the affirmative, and the Speaker announced as such committee on the part of the House,

Mr. Abell of West Haven,

“ Olmsted of Townshend,

“ Howe of Springfield.

Petitions were severally presented and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes,

That of W. R. Bixby and seventy others, also that of F. M. Strong and fifty-five others, citizens of Vergennes and vicinity, praying for the amendment of section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, that of Charles H. Congdon and six others, citizens of the town of Danby, respecting legislation in regard to the church property at East Danby ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Colvin of Clarendon,

That of J. C. Spencer and twenty-eight others, citizens of the town of Clarendon, praying for an amendment to section nine, chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Randall of Hyde Park introduced a bill entitled

H. 248. An act to protect fish in certain ponds, pools and rivers in the towns of Hyde Park and Wolcott ;

Which was read the first and second time and referred

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

Senate bill, entitled

S. 56. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes ;

Was read the first and second time and referred

To the General Committee.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 43. An act to incorporate the Glenwood Classical Seminary.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out the words "confer diplomas and degrees," in the thirteenth line of the fourth section, and insert in lieu thereof the words *award diplomas* ;

Also insert in the third line of the fifth section after the word "created," *shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars in value, and;*

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to joint resolution relating to final adjournment.

The Senate propose to the House to amend joint resolution from the House relating to final adjournment, as follows: Strike out all after the words, "Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives," and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses without day on Tuesday the 28th day of November next at five o'clock in the afternoon, and that no bill be introduced into either House without the unanimous consent thereof after Friday, November 17th, except by report of committee;"

And the House concurred therein.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 230. An act fixing the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court;

Reported adversely to its passage;

Whereupon, the third reading of the bill was refused.

The Speaker announced as the Select Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 177. An act entitled, "An act to annex certain towns to the Counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington, and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor Counties, and for other purposes:"

Mr, Wales of Burlington,

" Newton of St. Albans,

" Dillingham of Waterbury,

" Estey of Brattleboro,

Mr. Webb of Shrewsbury,

“ Curtis of Lowell,

“ Farwell of Dorset.

Mr. Ranger of Mendon, presented the petition of Perry Marshall and fifty-eight others, citizens of the town of Mendon, praying for an amendment to section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

Which was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second time, and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Henry of Chester,

H. 249. An act to pay Samuel L. Thompson the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Huling of Bennington,

H. 250. An act to amend section sixty-six of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Gillett of Whitingham,

H. 251. An act to pay Ira A. Snow the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 42. An act to regulate fees for justice writs ;

By Mr. Woodbridge, from the same Committee,

H. 82. An act to simplify indictments for murder and manslaughter.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted of Townshend, the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures by the Chaplain, and prayer by Rev. Mr. White.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Martin of Londonderry,

H. 252. An act relating to State printing and stationery ;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Sprague of Brandon,

H. 253. An act to procure the printing and distribution of the register of the Vermont Merino Sheep Breeders' Association ;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Dillingham, of Waterbury,

H. 254. An act to amend section three of an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the Inspector of Finance, and defining his duties, approved November 24, 1874.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Nelson, of Derby,

H. 255. An act changing the shire town in the County of Orleans ;

To a Select Committee consisting of all the members from Orleans County.

Mr. Pollard, of Windsor, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in Senate proposals of amendment to the joint resolution relating to final adjournment, and the question being, Shall the vote be reconsidered? on motion of Mr. Woodbridge, of Vergennes, the motion to reconsider was

Ordered to lie.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered their second and third proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 164. An act legalizing the grand list of the town of Woodford for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

And have receded therefrom.

Mr. Martin, from the Joint Committee on the Reform School, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 228. An act conferring additional powers upon the Trustees of the Vermont Reform School ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by adding, in the fourth line thereof, after the word "years," the words *if a boy, or fifteen years if a girl.*

Also by striking out all after the word "notice," in the third line from the end, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *of their action in the premises, to the Selectmen of the town, or the Mayor of the city from which such inmate was sent to said school.*

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill was

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Kingsley, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 236. An act enabling the proprietors and pew owners of the Congregational Meeting House in Bristol village, to dispose of the same ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 26. An act repealing an act relating to reporters for the Senate, approved October 14, 1874 ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on the Reform School, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 132. An act establishing the salary of the Superintendent of the Reform School ;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Eaton of Danville it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Hapgood, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 186. An act to repeal an act entitled an act to establish the Springfield Graded School district ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Kelton, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 172. An act to repeal an act and a part of an act in relation to circus exhibitions ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Remonstrances of sundry persons against the passage of House bill entitled

H. 177. An act entitled an act to annex certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor counties, and for other purposes ;

Were severally presented and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Olmsted of Townshend, those of J. D. Winslow and thirty-six others, James H. Phelps and twenty-four others, David

Howard and thirty-nine others, and W. H. Willard and sixty two others, citizens of the town of Townshend.

By Mr. Clark of Stockbridge,

That of J. B. Taggart and one hundred and nineteen others, citizens of the town of Stockbridge.

By Mr. Lynde of Marlboro,

That of L. C. Adams and one hundred and twenty-one others, citizens of the town of Marlboro.

By Mr. Estey of Brattleboro,

That of P. Starr and two hundred and thirty-eight others, citizens of the town of Brattleboro.

By Mr. Clark of Strafford,

That of C. W. Lane and one hundred and forty-three others, citizens of the town of Strafford.

By Mr. Gillett of Whitingham,

That of Hosea W. Brigham and one hundred and thirty-three others, citizens of the town of Whitingham.

By Mr. Crane of Williamstown,

That of Peter Merrill and fifty-one others, citizens of the town of Williamstown.

By Mr. Alexander of Guilford,

That of S. L. Hunt and others, citizens of the town of Guilford.

By Mr. Whitcher of Westfield,

That of N. C. Hoyt and ninety-four others, citizens of the town of Westfield.

By Mr. Frizzell of Canaan,

That of H. H. Lucas and others, citizens of the town of Canaan.

By Mr. Titus of Lemington,

That of Charles Cook and others, citizens of the town of Lemington.

By Mr. Braley of Troy,

That of B. F. Paine and sixty-eight others, citizens of the town of Jay.

Mr. Barrett of Grafton presented the petition of J. L. Butterfield and one hundred and twenty-two others, citizens of the town of Grafton, praying for the passage of House bill 177 ;

Which was referred to the Select Committee on that subject.

Mr. Hinman, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 196. An act to amend section nine of an act to incorporate the village of Montpelier, approved November 14, 1855 ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury,

H. 256. An act to pay Charles Morgan the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Skeels of Highgate,

H. 257. An act to pay Harrison E. Sanford the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Eaton of Middlesex,

H. 258. An act to protect fish in Silver's pond ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries, to whom they had been referred, adversely, by Mr. Webster, and their third reading refused :

H. 102. An act relating to the construction and repairs of highways.

H. 184. An act defining the powers and duties of road commissioners and highway surveyors.

Mr. Webster, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 104. An act granting a ferry to Dyer Hill and Henry C. Hill ;

Reported in favor of its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Ladd, of Alburgh, it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Webster, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 18. An act granting a ferry to Almon C. Farr, at Larabee's Point ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 37. An act to simplify and expedite proceedings upon writs of quo warranto, mandamus and prohibition ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Jennings, from the Committee on the Reform School, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay expenses of the Reform School ;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Calderwood, of Greensboro, it was

Ordered to lie.

The Chair announced as the Select Committee, to whom is referred the special message of His Excellency the Governor, relating to sanitary affairs :

Mr. Martin of Londonderry,

“ Colton of Irasburgh,

“ Hazelton of Cavendish,

“ Eaton of Danville,

“ Parker of Reading,

“ Erwin of Newport,

“ Hotchkiss of Georgia.

Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes, moved that the Senate be requested to return to the possession of the House, joint resolution instructing our Representatives in Congress to use their influence for the repeal of the bankrupt act ;

Which motion was lost.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 39. An act relating to the appointment of the reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court ;

In the passage of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 33. An act to protect fish in Ray pond in Wilmington ;

And have concurred in the passage of the same.

Senate bill entitled

S. 39. An act relating to the appointment of the Reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court ;

Was read the first and second times and referred
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrances of sundry persons against the passage of House bill entitled

H. 177. An act entitled an act to annex certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington and Windsor, and changing the shire towns of Essex, Orange and Windsor counties, and for other purposes ;

Were severally presented and referred to the Select Committee on that subject as follows :

By Mr. Braley of Troy,

That of D. H. Buck and one hundred and ninety-five others, citizens of the town of Troy.

By Mr. Eaton of Rochester,

That of Charles Morgan and two hundred and forty-eight others, citizens of the town of Rochester.

By Mr. Josselyn of Bridgewater,

That of Charles S. Raymond and one hundred and sixty-six others, citizens of the town of Bridgewater.

By Mr. Cheney of Westmore,

That of Calvin Gibson and thirty-six others, citizens of the town of Westmore.

By Mr. Wells of Brownington,

That of Albert Wells and one hundred and sixteen others, citizens of the town of Brownington.

By Mr. Franklin of Newfane,

That of Dana D. Dickinson and one hundred and seventy-three others, citizens of the town of Newfane.

By Mr. Gleason of Wardsboro,

That of H. N. Orcutt and one hundred and forty-five others, citizens of the town of Wardsboro.

By Mr. Colton of Irasburgh,

That of M. B. Chaffee and one hundred and seventeen others, citizens of the town of Albany.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second time and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Newton of St. Albans,

H. 259. An act to pay S. S. Bedard and H. Brainerd the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 260. An act to incorporate the Burlington Trust Company ;
To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Hayward of Weybridge,

H. 261. An act to restore William Williams to his legal rights and privileges ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Tabor of Mount Tabor,

H. 262. An act to pay J. C. Williams the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 22. An act to enable the pew-owners and proprietors of the old Congregational meeting-house in Barton village to dispose of the same ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended as follows :

By striking out in the ninth line of section three, after the word "appointed," the words, "by the pew-owners of said meeting-house," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, *by the selectmen of the town of Barton ;*

Also, by striking out in the fifth line of section four the words, "the said Congregational Society," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, *the town of Barton* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 155. An act prohibiting minors from committing offences against public policy ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington moved to reconsider the vote ordering the third reading of House bill entitled

H. 228. An act conferring additional powers upon the trustees of the Vermont Reform School ;

Which was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Batchelder, it was recommended

To the Committee on the Reform School.

Mr. Hayward, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 238. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Castleton for 1876 ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, as follows : by striking out in section one all after the words, " 1876 " in the second line thereof, and inserting in the place thereof the following : " is hereby declared legal and valid as to all taxes assessed thereon, and are, so far as said list is concerned, declared legal and valid, the same as if said list had been signed and sworn to within the time prescribed by law ; "

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time and passed.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the ninth day of November he approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz. :

H. 4. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Hancock.

H. 5. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Montgomery for 1876.

H. 20. An act laying a tax on the county of Lamoille.

H. 24. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bakersfield for the years 1875 and 1876.

H. 29. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Sandgate for the years of 1874 and 1875.

H. 56. An act in amendment of section twenty, chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Statutes.

H. 81. An act to empower Fire District number one in Brandon to bring water into said district and to issue its bonds for that purpose.

H. 100. An act relating to the village of Northfield.

H. 119. An act to amend section four of an act approved November 18, 1874, and section one of an act approved November 24, 1874.

H. 147. An act laying a tax on the county of Windham.

H. 157. An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish Northfield Graded School district in Northfield.

H. 163. An act in amendment of an act approved November 26, 1872, entitled an act in amendment of an act to incorporate the city of Burlington, approved November 22, 1864, and of the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have receded from their proposals of amendment to a joint resolution from the House relating to the election of certain State officers;

And have modified the same.

They ask the House to concur therein.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the part of the House who were appointed a Committee of Conference under the disagreement in relation to joint resolution relating to certain State officers;

Reported recommending its amendment in concurrence by striking out the word "ninth," after the word "November," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *sixteenth*;

Which amendment was agreed to, thus concurring in the modifications proposed by the Senate.

Mr. Ladd, of Alburgh, called up House bill entitled

H. 132. An act establishing the salary of the Superintendent of the Reform School;

And moved that the bill be amended by striking out all of the first section thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. The annual salary of the Superintendent of the Reform School shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars and the annual salary of the Matron of the Reform School shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

The question being, Will the House agree to the proposed amendment? Mr. Clark of Stockbridge demanded the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, to wit: Will the House agree to the proposed amendment? which was decided in the affirmative, yeas 109, nays 89. Mr. Henry of Chester moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "twelve hundred," in the first section thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *fifteen hundred*, and the question being,

Will the House agree to the proposed amendment? Mr. Ladd of Alburgh demanded the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, which was, Will the House agree to the proposed amendment? It was decided in the negative, whereupon the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 142. An act taxing the deposits of Savings Banks ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Dean of Barnard, the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Remonstrances of sundry persons against the passage of House bill entitled

H. 177. An act annexing certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor counties, and for other purposes ;

Were severally presented and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Blodgett of Bloomfield,

That of S. W. Holbrook and others, citizens of the town of Bloomfield.

By Mr. Follansby of Guildhall,

That of O. Crawford and one hundred and twenty-two others ; Loomis Wells and nineteen others, citizens of the town of Guildhall.

By Mr. Hoyt of Craftsbury,

That of A. Paddock and one hundred and fifty-five others, citizens of the town of Craftsbury.

By Mr. Blake of Barton,

That of A. D. Folsom and one hundred and sixty others, citizens of the town of Barton.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Boynton of Hinesburgh,

H. 263. An act to pay Bial Warner the sum therein named ;
To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Sargent of Wilmington,

H. 264. An act to repeal an act in amendment of section thirty-two of chapter sixteen of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the organization of village corporations and fire districts," approved November 21, 1864 ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Fuller of Eden,

H. 265. An act in amendment of chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the General Statutes entitled, "Of collection and disposition of fines, costs and recognizances in criminal cases ;"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hutchinson of Hancock,

H. 266. An act to protect fish in White River and its tributaries ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Hazleton of Cavendish,

H. 267. An act to incorporate the Connecticut River Valley Medical Association ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Pitkin of Marshfield,

H. 268. An act to protect fish in the mill-pond and reservoir of Henry S. Laird of Marshfield ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Franklin of Newfane,

H. 269. An act to pay W. N. Chase the sum therein named ;
To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury,

H. 270. An act to pay John L. Tuttle the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

House bill entitled

H. 182. An act establishing the salary of the Superintendent of the Reform School ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 107, nays 103.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Adams of Enosburgh, were taken, and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,
Aldrich,
Alexander,
Batchelder of Arlington,
Beers,
Bliss,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,
Brigham,
Brookins,
Buchanan,
Bucklin,
Burnap of Calais,
Burt,
Calderwood,
Chamberlin,
Chase,
Clark of Jay,
Coburn,
Colton,
Colvin,

Opolidge,
Crandall,
Crane of Williamstown,
Cummings,
Darling of Morristown,
Darling of Worcester,
Davis,
Denn,
Denny,
Dickerman,
Drake,
Eastman,
Eaton of Danville,
Evans,
Farrand,
Farrington,
Farwell,
Follansby,
Foster,
Franklin,

Freeman,
Fuller,
Gleason,
Goodrich,
Hager,
Hamilton,
Hayward,
Hemenway,
Hotchkiss,
Howard,
Howe of Tunbridge,
Huling,
Hutchinson,
Jenkins of East Haven,
Johnson of Vernon,
Johnston,
Josselyn,
Kelley,
Kent,
Knight,

Ladd,	Perry,	Slayton,
Leagfield,	Pinney,	Spear,
Long,	Pitkin,	Swain,
Lyford,	Potter,	Tabor,
Lynde,	Prouty,	Templeton,
McGregor,	Randall,	Thornton,
Macomber,	Ranger,	Townshend,
Martin of Londonderry,	Ranney of Athens,	Tracy,
Mason,	Reed,	Tyler,
Morrissey,	Richardson,	Ufford,
Needham,	Romaine,	Webb,
Newton of Mount Holly,	Rowland,	Webster of Cabot,
Nichols,	Russell,	Webster of Sudbury,
Page of Groton,	Sargent of Norwich,	Whitcher,
Paul,	Sargent of Wilmington,	Willey,
Pearl,	Sherwood,	Winchester—107.

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Fairbanks,	Peck,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Francis,	Pollard,
Adams of Newbury,	French,	Porter,
Andrew,	Frizzell,	Prindle,
Bailey,	Gale,	Randall,
Barnum,	Gillett,	Ranney of Pittsfield,
Barrett,	Gray,	Rood,
Bartlett,	Guernsey,	Roscoe,
Blake,	Hapgood,	Rose,
Bledgett of St. Johnsbury,	Haynes,	Sabin,
Bourn,	Hazelton,	Safford,
Boynton,	Henry,	Savage,
Braley,	Hinman,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Briggs,	Howe of Springfield,	Skeels,
Brown of Goshen,	Hoyt,	Spaulding,
Brown of Pawlet,	Isham,	SPEAKERS,
Brown of Waterford,	Jenkins of Burke,	Sprague,
Burbank,	Johnson of Leicester,	Stearns,
Burt,	Kelton,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Celley,	Kingsley,	Stoddard of Poultney,
Chadwick,	Landon,	Sturtevant,
Cheney,	Lazelle,	Sulloway,
Clark of Strafford,	Lincoln,	Taylor of Morgan,
Crane of Bridport,	Lindsay,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Dewey,	McFarland,	Titus of Lemington,
Dillingham,	Mack,	Titus of Vershire,
Da Bois,	Martin of Chelsea,	Wales,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Nelson,	Watts,
Eaton of Rochester,	Newton of St. Albans,	Webster of Franklin,
Eayres,	Olmsted,	Wells,
Edwards,	Page of Cambridge,	Wheeler,
Ellis,	Parker of Reading,	White,
Erwin,	Parsons,	Wilbur,
Estey,	Patrick,	Woodbridge,
Everest,	Peake,	Wright—108.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence :

S. 26. An act repealing an act relating to reporters for the Senate, approved October 14, 1874.

S. 37. An act to simplify and expedite proceedings upon writs of quo warranto, mandamus and prohibition.

House bill entitled

H. 142. An act taxing the deposits of Savings Banks ;

Was read the third time and the question being, Shall the bill pass ? on motion of Mr. Lynde, it was committed to a mem-

ber (Mr. Lynde), to amend by striking out the words "five thousand," in the third section thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *ten thousand*, and was so amended. The question recurring, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Adams of Enosburgh, it was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for next Thursday at two and one half o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Celley, from the Committee on the Grand List to whom was referred that part of the Governor's message relating to the assessment of taxes ;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following bill entitled

H. 271. AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER EIGHTY-THREE OF THE
GENERAL STATUTES, ENTITLED "OF THE GRAND LIST."

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. Each lister of the several towns and cities in this State shall annually, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, a certificate of which shall be recorded in the town clerk's office previous to the first day of April of each year :

"I [name of lister] do solemnly swear [or affirm] that I will faithfully execute the office of lister for the town of

for the year ensuing, and that I will appraise and set in the list at its true value in money all personal property or real estate liable to taxation in this town, to the best of my judgment, information and ability, according to law, so help me God, [or if an affirmation, under the pains and penalties of perjury.]"

And on the year for the appraisal of real estate, each lister, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall also take and subscribe the following oath and affirmation :

"I [name of lister] do solemnly swear [or affirm] that I will appraise at its true value in money each and every parcel of real estate liable to taxation in this town, to the best of my judgment, information and ability, according to law, so help me God, [or if an affirmation, under the pains and penalties of perjury.]"

A certificate of which oath or affirmation shall be recorded in the town clerk's office previous to the first day of May in the year of such appraisal of real estate.

SEC. 2. If any person elected to the office of lister, or appointed to such office as hereinafter provided, shall refuse to or neglect to take the oaths or affirmations as provided in the preceding section, his office shall become vacant, and the selectmen shall fill such vacancy in the same manner as is provide for filling vacancies in other town offices, and the person so appointed shall be sworn as hereinbefore provided, before entering upon the duties of his office.

SEC. 3. The listers shall, as far as practicable, appraise all taxable property from actual view, and set one per centum of the true value thereof in the list as now provided by law.

SEC. 4. It is hereby made the duty of the Secretary of State to cause to be printed at the expense of the State, and distribute annually on or before the first day of March, to the several town and city clerks, for the use of the listers, a sufficient number of suitable blanks upon which to take the personal list of each taxpayer as provided by law, which blanks shall also contain the following form of oath or affirmation :

"I [name the tax payer] do solemnly swear [or affirm] that the above is a true list of all my taxable property, according to my best knowledge and belief; and also that I have set down only such debts as I am unconditionally bound to pay;" which oath or affirmation shall be taken and subscribed by each tax-payer, and listers are hereby authorized to administer such oath.

• SEC. 5. Each tax-payer, on application at the town clerk's office, shall, on or before the first day of April in each year receive one of the blank forms mentioned in the preceding section, and shall fill out or cause to be filled out and execute the same in accordance with the provision of the preceding section and return the same to the listers' or town clerk's office on or before the fifteenth day of April of each year. And if any person liable to pay taxes in any town shall neglect or refuse to give in his or her list and swear to the same within the time specified in this section, the listers shall fill out the list of such person,—putting thereon all taxable property which they have reason to believe is owned by such person at the actual value thereof from the best information they can obtain and shall add fifty per cent thereof to such valuation, which valuation, with fifty per cent. thereof added thereto, shall constitute the list of such person.

SEC. 6. The listers shall arrange in alphabetical order the personal list of all tax-payers in their respective towns and lodge the same in the town clerk's office on or before the twenty-fifth day of April of each year for the inspection of the tax-payers of such town.

SEC. 7. Section one of an act approved November 9, 1865, entitled "An act providing for taxing bank stock in the several banking associations in this State," formed under the act of Congress approved June 3, 1864, entitled "An act to provide a national currency," is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

It shall be the duty of the cashiers of the several banking associations in this State formed under the act of Congress approved June 3, 1864, entitled "An act to provide a national currency,"—and the cashiers of all other banks in this State,—to transmit to the clerks of the several towns in this State, in which any stock or shareholder of such banking association shall reside, a true list of the names of such stock or shareholders,

with the number of shares standing against the name of each stock or shareholder on the books of such banking association, together with the amount of money actually paid in on each share on the first day of April in each year hereafter,—on or before the fifteenth day of April in each year; and shall also at the same time transmit to all such town clerks the amount of surplus funds and undivided profits which each stockholder or shareholder would be entitled to were the same to be divided equally among the several shares,—the real estate belonging to said bank having been deducted from said surplus funds in the above estimate.

SEC. 8. If any lister shall receive and accept the list of any person not made out and sworn to as provided in this act he shall, for such list so received, forfeit and pay to the town or city where such person resides, the sum of fifty dollars; and any taxpayer, in the name of such town, may sue for and recover the same for the benefit of such town.

SEC. 9. The listers composing the county equalizing conventions, and the State equalizing board as provided by sections three and four of an act entitled "An act relating to the grand list," approved November 26, 1872, shall, before they proceed to make such equalization, take and subscribe the following oath: I, (name of the lister,) do solemnly swear that I will equalize the real estate of the several towns in this county, (or of the several counties of this State, as the case may be,) by setting in the list all such real estate at its true value in money, according to the best of my judgment and ability, without fear or favor, according to law, so help me God.

SEC. 10. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect on the first day of January, A. D. 1878.

Which was read the first and second times and under the rule was

Ordered to lie and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 180. An act to pay the National Bank of Barre the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out the words "one hundred and seventy-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *forty-six dollars and sixty cents* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Colton, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 160. An act to pay the town of Guilford in the county of Windham the sum therein named ;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Alexander of Guilford it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for Tuesday next at ten and one-half o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 232. An act in amendment of section twelve of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by inserting in line seventeen after the word "may," the words *by and with the consent of both parties* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Abell, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 219. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act approved November 19, 1866, relating to the fees of sheriffs and constables ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out in the thirteenth line of the first section, the words " or fines."

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Martin, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 250. An act to amend section sixty-six of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out the words " the town clerk," in the third line of section one, and inserting after the word " the " and before the word " listers " in the seventh line of section one the words, *town clerk and.*

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven offered the following joint resolution :

WHEREAS, The burden of taxation is onerous and rigid economy desirable in the administration of public affairs ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the per diem pay of the members of the present Legislature shall be reduced twenty-five per cent ;

Which was read and its adoption on the part of the House refused, yeas 49, nays 154.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Bailey, were taken and are as follows:

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	Kingsley,	Sabin,
Adams of Newbury,	Knight,	Sargent of Norwich,
Bailey,	McFarland,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Beers,	Martin of Chelsea,	Sheels,
Bliss,	Needham,	Slayton,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Pace of Cambridge,	Spear,
Coolidge,	Parker of Reading,	Sprague,
Du Bois,	Parsons,	Stearns,
Eastman,	Peake,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Estey,	Pearl,	Sturtevant,
Follansby,	Peck,	Swain,
Francis,	Perry,	Thornton,
Gillett,	Pitkin,	Whitcher,
Hayward,	Potter,	White,
Henry,	Romaine,	Woodbridge—49.
Hutchinson,	Roscoe,	
Jenkins of Burke,	Rowland,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Bayros,	Mack,
Abell of West Haven,	Edwards,	Macomber,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Ellis,	Martin of Londonderry,
Adams of Newbury,	Erwin,	Mason,
Aldrich,	Everest,	Morrissey,
Alexander,	Fairbanks,	Newton of Mount Holly,
Andrew,	Farrington,	Newton of St. Albans,
Barnum,	Farrand,	Nichols,
Barrett,	Farwell,	Olmsted,
Bartlett,	Ford,	Page of Groton,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Foster,	Patrick,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Franklin,	Paul,
Bourn,	Freeman,	Pinney,
Boynton,	French,	Pollard,
Braley,	Frizzell,	Potter,
Briggs,	Fuller,	Prindle,
Brigham,	Gale,	Prouty,
Brown of Goshen,	Gleason,	Randall,
Brown of Pawlet,	Goodrich,	Ranger,
Brown of Waterford,	Gray,	Ranney of Pittsfield,
Buchanan,	Guernsey,	Reed,
Bucklin,	Hager,	Richardson,
Burbank,	Hamilton,	Rose,
Burnap of Calais,	Hapgood,	Rood,
Burt,	Haynes,	Russell,
Calderwood,	Hazelton,	Safford,
Celley,	Hemenway,	Savage,
Chamberlin,	Hinman,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Chadwick,	Hotchkiss,	Sherwood,
Chase,	Houghton,	SPEAKER,
Cheney,	Howard,	Stoddard of Poultney,
Clark of Jay,	Howe of Springfield,	Sullivan,
Clark of Stratford,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Tabor,
Coburn,	Hoyt,	Taylor of Morgan,
Colton,	Huling,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Colvin,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Templeton,
Crandall,	Johnson of Leicester,	Titus of Lemington,
Crane of Bridport,	Johnson of Vernon,	Tyler,
Crane of Williamstown,	Johnston,	Uford,
Cummings,	Joselyn,	Wales,
Darling of Morristown,	Kelley,	Watts,
Darling of Worcester,	Kelton,	Webb,
Davis,	Kent,	Webster of Cabot,
Dean,	Ladd,	Webster of Franklin,
Denny,	Landon,	Webster of Sudbury,
Dewey,	Lengfeld,	Wells,
Dickerman,	Lazelle,	Wheeler,
Drake,	Lincoln,	Wilbur,
Eaton of Danville,	Long,	Willey,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Lyford,	Winchester,
Eaton of Rochester,	Lynde,	Wright—154.

So the adoption of the resolution on the part of the House was refused.

On motion of Mr. DuBois, of Randolph, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Cummings of Thetford,

H. 272. An act in relation to the annual meetings of the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association in Thetford ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Francis of Wells,

H. 273. An act to refund commutation money paid by drafted men ;

To the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. French of Woodstock, called up House bill entitled

H. 226. An act establishing the office of an Attorney General, defining his duties, and the duty of other officers with reference thereto ;

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. French, it was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for Wednesday next, at ten and one-half o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 199. An act to pay Nathan Lockwood the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by inserting before the word "dollars," in the fourth line of section one, the words *seventy-seven and twenty-three one-hundredths* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 44. An act to amend section twenty-four, of chapter one hundred and twenty-six, of the General Statutes of this State, relating to salaries and fees,

S. 69. An act in amendment of section two, of chapter fifty of the General Statutes, relating to letters testamentary and other proceedings on the probate of wills.

S. 54. An act in amendment of, and in addition to, an act entitled " An act to incorporate the West River Railroad Company, and all acts in addition thereto, and in amendment thereof."

S. 67. An act providing for the payment of fees of jurors in criminal causes before justices.

S. 72. An act in amendment of section seven of chapter eighty-eight of the General Statutes ;

In the passage of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 86. An act to protect fish in Deerfield River and its tributaries ;

H. 93. An act relating to Cemetery Associations.

H. 171. An act to amend an act entitled " An act to authorize school districts to send scholars to academies in certain cases named therein ; "

H. 181. An act fixing the time of holding the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Normal School at Randolph ;

H. 186. An act to repeal an act entitled "An act to establish the Springfield Graded School District ;"

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered a bill from the House entitled

H. 80. An act to amend an act entitled "An act relating to the collection of highway taxes ;"

And have refused to concur in the passage of the same.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 86. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the General Statutes, entitled "Of County Jail, and the confinement and discharge of prisoners ;"

And have passed the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

Mr. Eaton of Danville offered the following joint resolution :

WHEREAS, The burden of taxation is onerous and rigid economy desirable in the administration of public affairs ; and

WHEREAS, Certain members of the House of Representatives have by vote expressed themselves in favor of economy and retrenchment, and have estimated the value of their services to be \$2.25 per diem ; and

WHEREAS, It is against public policy and political economy to pay higher wages than one considers himself legally and fairly entitled to, and a greater sum should not be forced upon him ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That those members expressing themselves in favor of a reduction in their pay be, and the same are hereby authorized and requested to remit to the State one-fourth of their per diem pay due for services rendered at the present session of the Legislature ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times and referred as follows :

S. 44. An act to amend section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes of this State, relating to salaries and fees;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 54. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the West River Railroad Company and all acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof;

To the Committee on Railroads.

S. 67. An act providing for the payment of fees of jurors in criminal causes before justices;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 72. An act in amendment of section seven chapter eighty-eight of the General Statutes;

To the Committee on Railroads.

S. 69. An act in amendment of section two of chapter fifty of the General Statutes, relating to letters testamentary and other proceedings on the probate of wills;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the per diem pay of the members of this Legislature shall be deducted from the pay of all absentees during the time of their absence without leave of their respective Houses;

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? on motion of Mr. Olmsted of Townshend it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Birkett, from the Committee on Mileage and Debentures to whom was recommitted the report of that Committee, submitted their corrected report, which was approved by the House.

(See Appendix "A.")

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 52. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the General Statutes, entitled, of county jails and the confinement and discharge of prisoners.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out "having been," in the seventeenth line of the first section, also in the same section strike out the words "since your commitment."

In the eighth line of the third section strike out the word "make," and insert in lieu thereof the word *take*.

And the House concurred therein.

Mr. Olmsted, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 122. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to schools;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out all after the word "district," in the eleventh line, to the word "and" in the eighteenth ;

Which was agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Sprague of Brandon, it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for Tuesday next, at two and one-half o'clock in the afternoon.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second time and referred as follows :

By Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury,

H. 274. An act to change the name of Angie M. Lamb to Angie M. Bruce Lowell ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Colvin of Clarendon,

H. 275. An act to pay B. F. Mussey the sum therein named ;
To the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, the House adjourned.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Martin of Londonderry,

H. 276. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Deerfield River Railroad Company ;

To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Barrett of Grafton,

H. 277. An act to repeal section ten and to amend section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled " Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Huling of Bennington,

H. 278 An act to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association ;

To the Select Committee on the Centennial year and the Battle of Bennington ;

By Mr. Swain of Rockingham,

H. 279. An act for the advancement of anatomical science ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Foster of Weston,

H. 280. An act to incorporate the Weston Branch Railroad Company ;

To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Sargent of Norwich,

H. 281. An act to restore Henry Lovell to his legal rights and privileges of citizenship ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Haynes of Landgrove,

H. 282. An act to incorporate the Farmers and Mechanics' Hall Company of Landgrove, Vermont ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Dean of Barnard,

H. 283. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act empowering towns and incorporated villages to have and maintain lockups or jails, approved November 24, 1874 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Gillett of Whitingham,

H. 284. An act to enable the pew owners and proprietors of the Baptist Church in Whitingham Centre to dispose of the same ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Colton of Irasburgh,

H. 285. An act to pay R. W. Nye the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Henry of Chester,

H. 286. An act changing the name of Gertrude Maud Williams and constituting her heir-at-law of Rollin C. and Susan A. Sherwin ;

To the General Committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have adopted on their part a joint resolution relating to default of Probate Judges in Bennington County ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have considered joint resolution from the House in the interests of economy ;

In the adoption of which they have refused to concur.

The Senate have considered House bills entitled

H. 37. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Weybridge for the year 1876.

H. 180. An act to pay the National Bank of Barre, the sum therein named ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

Mr. Abell of West Haven offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after Tuesday, November 14th, the morning session of the House shall commence at nine o'clock ;

Which was read, and under the rule was

Ordered to lie.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the State Auditor and State's Attorney, for the county of Bennington, be, and hereby are, directed to examine the records of the Probate Court in said county, for the purpose of ascertaining if the Probate Judges in said county, for the last fifteen years, have performed all and singular the duties imposed upon them by law, and also to ascertain if bonds have been executed pursuant to law for the faithful discharge of their duties, and to ascertain, in case of default, what the damages are to the State, and in what manner said damages accrued, and to prosecute said Judges and their sureties, in the name of the State, for the recovery of such damages ;

Was read, and on motion of Mr. Huling of Bennington, was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrances of sundry persons against the passage of House bill entitled

H. 177. An act annexing certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington, and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor Counties, and for other purposes ;

Were severally presented, and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Burbank of Coventry,

That of Homer Thrasher, and one hundred and fourteen others, citizens of the town of Coventry.

By Mr. Lazelle of Dover,

That of J. C. Snow, and ninety-eight others, citizens of the town of Dover.

By Mr. Hager of Halifax,

That of A. M. Wheeler, and ninety-three others, citizens of the town of Halifax.

Bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed :

H. 232. An act in amendment of section forty-two of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes.

H. 250. An act to amend section sixty-six, of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes.

House bill entitled

H. 219. An act in amendment of, and in addition to, an act approved November 19, 1866, relating to the fees of Sheriffs and Constables ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Dillingham, the bill was committed to a member (Mr. Dillingham), to amend, by inserting before the word " which," in the fourteenth line of the first section, the word *on* ;

Which amendment was made and the bill passed.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 203. An act to enable the Danby East Village Union Society to dispose of its meeting house ;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Tabor, of Mt. Tabor, it was recommitted

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins of Burke, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Braley of Troy,

H. 287. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Troy, for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Rowland, of Corinth,

H. 288. An act to authorize the Trustees of the Corinth Academical Institute to transfer the Academy building, and other property.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Lynde of Marlboro,

H. 289. An act to repeal an act in relation to the duties of highway surveyors ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges, and Ferries.

H. 290. An act to repeal an act entitled an act relating to vagrants, approved November 3, 1864 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Martin of Londonderry,

H. 291. An act to pay Charles Philbrick the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Macomber of Westford,

H. 292. An act relating to the metrical system of weights and measures ;

To the Committee on Education.

Mr. Hutchinson of Hancock, presented the petition of Geo. C. Robbins and two hundred and fifty others, citizens of the towns of Granville, Hancock and Rochester, praying for the protection of trout in White River and its tributaries, which was referred

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 77. An act to incorporate the Newbury Seminary and Ladies' Institute.

H. 190. An act to authorize the Trustees of West Randolph Academy to transfer the Academy building and other property.

H. 238. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Castleton for 1876 ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Peck, from the General Committee,

H. 131. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and four of the General Statutes.

By Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to

H. 108. An act to amend an act entitled, "An act to provide a police force for incorporated villages," approved November 9, 1865.

By Mr. French, from the same Committee,

H. 96. An act to establish a Municipal Court within and for the village of Bennington.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 241. An act to amend an act approved November 6, 1857;

Reported in favor of its passage;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Peck, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 223. An act in amendment of section six, chapter one hundred and two of the General Statutes, relating to damages by reason of insufficiency of division fences;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury, it was ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Thursday at ten and one-half o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Evans of Moretown, introduced a bill entitled

H. 293. An act for the protection of personal liberty;

Which was read the first and second time and referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 18. An act to authorize the proprietors of the Saxton's River Meeting-House, or the Saxton's River Meeting-House Society, to sell and convey to School District number ten in Rockingham, and six in Westminster, their remaining interest in the Saxton's River Village Meeting-House;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by inserting after section three the following section :

SEC. 4. Before any deed shall be executed to said school district, the right and interest of any non-resident pew-owners, and pew-owners who shall not consent to such conveyance, shall be appraised by three disinterested freeholders residing in said town of Rockingham, appointed by the selectmen of said town, and the amount of such appraisal shall be deposited with the treasurer of said town for the benefit of such pew-owners ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill, as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Du Bois of Randolph, presented the petition of Wilbur F. Howard and thirty-nine others, citizens of the town of Randolph, praying for amendments to section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

Which was referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Eayres of Pittsford introduced a bill entitled

H. 294. An act to prevent over insurance on real property ;

Which was read the first and second time and referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures by the Chaplain, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Johnson of Rutland.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second time and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Rowland of Corinth,

H. 295. An act in addition to an act to establish the Cookeville Graded School District;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 296. An act to incorporate the Mary Fletcher-Hospital;
To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Wilbur of Waterville,

H. 297. An act to amend an act entitled, "An act to compel children to attend school," approved November 23, 1870;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Estey of Brattleboro,

H. 298. An act to establish a Municipal Court in and for the village of Brattleboro;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

H. 299. An act to incorporate the second mortgage bondholders of the Vermont Central Railroad Company, under the name of the Central Railroad Company of Vermont;

To the Committee on Railroads.

House bill entitled

H. 160. An act to pay the town of Guilford, in the county of Windham, the sum therein named ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (ten and one-half o'clock), and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Alexander of Guilford moved to amend the first section thereof, by striking out in lines two and three, the words "twelve hundred dollars and eighty-three cents," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, *eight hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifty-nine cents* ; also by striking out the whole of line eight ;

Which amendments were agreed to, and the bill was thereupon read the third time and passed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 13. An act granting a ferry to Almon C. Farr at Larabee's Point.

H. 196. An act to amend section nine of "An act to incorporate the village of Montpelier," approved November 14, 1855 ;
And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 158. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the House are asked to concur :

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles :

S. 2. An act to enable the village of St. Albans to issue its bonds.

S. 7. An act amending an act in amendment of chapter eighty of the General Statutes.

S. 28. An act relating to exceptions in the County Court.

S. 48. An act requiring school district clerks to give notice of their election to their respective town clerks.

Remonstrances of sundry persons against the passage of House bill entitled

H. 177. An act entitled, "An act to annex certain towns to the counties of Caledonia, Essex, Orange, Washington and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor Counties, and for other purposes ;

Were severally presented and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Bliss of Bradford,

That of A. Bailey and three hundred others, citizens of the town of Bradford ; and Wright Chamberlin and one hundred and twenty-five others, citizens of the town of Newbury.

By Mr. French of Woodstock,

That of Julius Converse and one hundred others ; Frederick Billings and one hundred and eighty-three others ; and O. P. Chandler and one hundred and forty-seven others, citizens of the town of Woodstock.

By Mr. Nelson of Derby,

That of Marshall Carpenter and seventy-nine others, citizens of the town of Derby.

By Mr. Thornton of Hartland,

That of Asa Weed and one hundred and ninety-seven others, citizens of the town of Hartland.

By Mr. Rowland of Corinth,

That of C. C. Sargent and two hundred and forty-six others, citizens of the town of Corinth.

By Mr. Lindsay of Hartford,

That of Samuel E. Pingree and one hundred and sixteen others, citizens of the town of Hartford.

By Mr. Pollard of Windsor,

That of Ripley Clark and one hundred and ninety-five others, citizens of the town of Windsor.

By Mr. Celley of Fairlee,

That of Perley Mason and forty-nine others, citizens of the town of Fairlee.

By Mr. Dean of Barnard,

That of Hiram J. Luce and sixty-five others ; and Joseph B. Danforth and sixty-five others ; and John S. Cobb and sixty-three others, citizens of the town of Barnard.

By Mr. French of Woodstock,

That of E. Woodruff and eighty-two others, citizens of the town of Newark.

Mr. Henry of Chester presented the petition of P. H. Robbins and two hundred and forty others, citizens of the town of Chester, praying for the passage of said House bill 177 ;

Which was referred

To the Select Committee on that subject.

Petitions praying for the passage of said bill 177, were also severally presented and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Howe of Springfield,

That of J. A. H. Ellis and fifty-eight others, citizens of the town of Springfield.

By Mr. Patrick of Ludlow,

That of Levi Lawrence and forty-three others, citizens of the town of Ludlow.

Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro presented the petitions of Jabez Pinney and one hundred and four others ; A. P. Folsom and thirty others, legal voters of the town of Greensboro, praying that the town of Greensboro may be annexed to Caledonia County ;

Which were referred

To the Select Committee on that subject.

Mr. Sheldon of Rutland offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That
the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Vermont Officers' Reunion Society for its meeting on Wednesday evening, November 15, 1876 ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. McFarland of Johnson, the Clerk was directed to request the Senate to return to the possession of the House, House bill entitled

H. 219. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act approved November 19, 1866, relating to fees of sheriffs and constables.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Henry of Chester,

H. 300. An act to amend section one of chapter thirty-four of the General Statutes of this State, entitled of proceedings against Trustees ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury,

H. 301. An act in addition to chapter sixty-five of the General Statutes, entitled, of the conveyance of real estate ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Sheldon of Rutland,

H. 302. An act to pay M. Quinn the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Mr. French of Woodstock offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the
two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Tuesday, November 21,

at two and one-half o'clock in the afternoon, to elect a Chief Justice and Associate Judges of the Supreme Court ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed by the Senate to return to the possession of the House of Representatives, agreeably to their request, House bill entitled

H. 219. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act approved November 19, 1866, relating to fees of Sheriffs and Constables.

House bill entitled

H. 244. An act relating to division of public money among school districts when the amount is twelve hundred dollars or more ;

Was taken up as a special order at this time (three o'clock), the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time?

Mr. Olmsted of Townshend moved to amend the first section by inserting therein after the word "more," in the seventh line thereof, the words, *also all moneys so raised by the city of Vergennes.*

The question being, Will the House agree to the proposed amendment? Mr. Blake of Barton demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit : Will the House agree to the proposed amendment? which was decided in the affirmative.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time?

On motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

House bill entitled

H. 244. An act relating to division of public money among school districts where the amount is twelve hundred dollars or more ;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and their third reading ordered to-morrow morning :

By Mr. Wales, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 44. An act to amend section twenty-four, of chapter one hundred and twenty-six, of the General Statutes of this State, relating to salaries and fees.

By Mr. Dillingham, from the same Committee,

S. 41. An act amending an act entitled an act relating to criminal offences committed within the limits of incorporated villages in this State.

Mr. Martin, from the same Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 67. An act providing for the payment of fees of jurors in criminal causes before justices ;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, and recommending that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill by inserting the word *each* before the word "to," and after the word "cents," in the seventh line of section one ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 158. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious, and charitable uses.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Insert the word *organized* in the first line of section one after the word "several," and in the same line and section, insert after the word "towns," the words *and the commissioners of unorganized towns and gores* ;

And the House concurred therein.

Strike out in the fourth line of section one the word "a," and insert in lieu thereof the word *the* ;

And the House concurred therein.

Insert in the sixth line of section one after the word "uses," the words *upon which an annual rent is payable* ;

And the House refused to concur therein.

Strike out in section two, line one, the words "procure and distribute," and insert in lieu thereof the words *insert in each list book* ;

Pending consideration of the fourth amendment proposed by the Senate, on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, it was

Ordered to lie.

House bill entitled

H. 219. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act approved November 19, 1866, relating to the fees of sheriffs and constables ;

Which was returned from the Senate, agreeably to the request of the House, was taken up on motion of Mr. McFarland of Johnson, who moved that the vote whereby the House passed the bill, be reconsidered, which motion was lost.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bill entitled .

H. 183. An act in relation to the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Savings Institution and Trust Company ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 132. An act establishing the salary of the Superintendent of the Reform School ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

The Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to the Vermont Officers' Reunion Society ;

Also a joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

House bill entitled .

H. 122. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to schools ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (two and one-half o'clock), and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Macomber moved to amend the first section thereof by striking out the words "on the rolls," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *registers* ;

Which was disagreed to,

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

House bill entitled

H. 142. An act taxing the deposits of Savings Banks ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (two and one-half o'clock), and the question being, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Lynde it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten and one half o'clock.

Mr. Estey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 229. An act to increase the efficiency of the Militia ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended in the fifth line of section one, by inserting after the word "companies," the words *of infantry, which shall not thereafter be increased ;*

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning :

By Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Ways and Means,

H. 254. An act to amend section three of an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the Inspector of Finance and defining his duties, approved November 24, 1874.

By Mr. Henry, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 16. An act regulating appeals under chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes and the several acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 209. An act for the protection of fish and game ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended in the following manner :

By adding the following words to the third section : *and the possession of the meat or hide or any part thereof of any wild deer, by any person in this State charged with any of the offences mentioned in this section shall be presumptive evidence that the person so, in possession of said meat, hide or part thereof is guilty of said offence.*

Also by adding the following section to the bill :

Sec. 6. The notice mentioned in the first section of this act shall be given by erecting and maintaining sign-boards, not less than two feet long by one foot wide, in at least two conspicuous places on the premises : such notices to have appended thereto the name of the owner or occupant, and any person who shall tear down or in any way deface or injure any such sign-board shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars ;

Which amendments were agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill as amended be read the third time ? Mr. Abell of West Haven moved to further amend the bill by striking out the first and second sections thereof ;

Which was disagreed to.

Mr. Stoddard of Fayston moved to further amend by inserting in the first and second sections of the bill after the word " shooting," wherever it occurs, the word *trapping* ;

Which was agreed to,

And the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Sprague of Brandon,

H. 303. An act establishing the salaries of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Sheldon of Rutland,

H. 304. An act to restore Patrick Sullivan to his legal rights and privileges ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary, together with the petition accompanying the same.

By Mr. Patrick of Ludlow,

H. 305. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act granting certain powers to Black River Academy and school district number one in Ludlow, approved November 6, 1867 ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven,

H. 306. An act annexing that portion of the town of Fairhaven lying west of Poultney river to the State of New York ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Estey of Brattleboro,

H. 307. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Brattleboro, approved October 29, 1872, and the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

And on motion of Mr. Estey the clerk was directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

By Mr. Peck of Ira,

H. 308. An act entitled an act in addition to chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, relating to the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Abell of West Haven called up the resolution relating to the morning sessions of the House ;

The question being, Shall the resolution be adopted? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 113, nays 98.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Abell, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,
Abell of West Haven,
Aldrich,
Bailey,
Barnum,
Bartlett,
Batchelder of Arlington,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,
Bourn,
Briggs,
Brookins,
Brown of Pawlet,
Buchanan,
Bucklin,

Burt,
Burbank,
Camp,
Celley,
Charwick,
Chamberlin,
Chase,
Cheney,
Clark of Jay,
Clark of Stratford,
Colton,
Colvin,
Crane of Williamstown,
Cummings,
Darling of Morristown,

Davis,
Denny,
Dickerman,
Drake,
Eastman,
Eaton of Danville,
Eaton of Rochester,
Edwards,
Evans,
Farrington,
Farwell,
Foliansby,
Foster,
Francis,
Franklin,

French,
Fuller,
Gillett,
Gleason,
Goodrich,
Guernsey,
Hager,
Hamilton,
Hapgood,
Haynes,
Hayward,
Hazelton,
Hemenway,
Henry,
Hopkins,
Howard,
Huling,
Isham,
Jenkins of East Haven,
Jennings,
Johnson of Leicester,
Johnson of Vernon,
Joaselyn,

Kelton,
Knight,
Kent,
Ladd,
Landon,
Long,
McGregor,
Macomber,
Martin of Londonderry,
Morrissey,
Nednam,
Olmsted,
Parker of Putney,
Parsons,
Patrick,
Pearl,
Perry,
Pinney,
Pitkin,
Potter,
Prouty,
Ranger,
Richardson,

Romaine,
Rowland,
Russell,
Safford,
Sargent of Wilmington,
Savage,
Simonds,
Skinner,
Slayton,
Stannard,
Sturgess,
Sulloway,
Swain,
Tabor,
Taylor of Morgan,
Templeton,
Tilden,
Townshend,
Webb,
Webster of Sudbury,
Wells,
Wheeler—113.

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,
Beers,
Birkett,
Blake,
Boynton,
Braley,
Brigham,
Brown of Waterford,
Burnap of Calais,
Burnap of Somerset,
Bushnell,
Calderwood,
Clark of Stockbridge,
Coburn,
Coolidge,
Crandall,
Crane of Bridport,
Curtis,
Darling of Morristown,
Dean,
Dewey,
Dillingham,
Eaton of Middlesex,
Eayres,
Ellis,
Erwin,
Estey,
Everest,
Fairbanks,
Farrand,
Fitch,
Freeman,
Frizzell,

Gale,
Gray,
Hinman,
Hotchkiss,
Houghton,
Howe of Springfield,
Howe of Tunbridge,
Hoyt,
Hutchinson,
Jackman,
Jenkins of Burke,
Johnston,
Kelley,
Kingsley,
Lazelle,
Lengfeld,
Lincoln,
Lindsay,
Lyford,
McFarland,
Mack,
Martin of Chelsea,
Mason,
Nelson,
Newton of Mount Holly,
Nichols,
Page of Cambridge,
Parker of Reading,
Peake,
Peck,
Pollard,
Prindle,
Randall,

Ranney of Athens,
Ranney of Pittsfield,
Reed,
Rood,
Roscoe,
Rose,
Sabin,
Sargent of Norwich,
Shaw,
Sheldon of Rutland,
Skeels,
Spanning,
Sprague,
Stearns,
Stoddard of Poultney,
Sturtevant,
Taylor of Sherburne,
Titus of Lemington,
Titus of Vershire,
Tracy,
Tyler,
Ufford,
Wales,
Watts,
Webster of Cabot,
Webster of Franklin,
White,
Wilbur,
Willey,
Willis,
Winchester,
Woodbridge—98.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted, of Townshend, the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Ford of Concord,

H. 309. An act to annex the town of Concord to the County of Caledonia ;

To a Select Committee to be appointed by the Speaker.

By Mr. Tilden of Roxbury,

H. 310. An act changing the name of Edmund Amos Hand and constituting him heir-at-law of Charles P. and Ellen S. Leonard ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Stoddard of Poultney,

H. 311. An act relating to elections ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Lazelle of Dover,

H. 312. An act to protect fish in West River and its tributaries ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Kingsley of Salisbury,

H. 313. An act relating to assignment of wages ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Sheldon of Rutland,

H. 314. An act to repeal an act relating to suits in respect to patent rights, approved November 10, 1870 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Macomber of Westford,

H. 315. An act relating to liabilities of towns for damages caused by insufficiency of highways and bridges ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Newton of Mt. Holly,

H. 316. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Mt. Holly, for the year 1876 :

To the Committee on the Grand List.

Mr. French of Woodstock moved to reconsider [the vote adopting the resolution relating to the morning sessions of the House, which was carried, and under the rule the resolution was again

Ordered to lie.

Mr. French offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the reading of the Journal of this House be dispensed with during the remainder of this session :

Which was read and under the rule was

Ordered to lie.

Remonstrances of sundry persons against the passage of House bill entitled

H. 177. An act entitled an act to annex certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor counties, and for other purposes ;

Were severally presented and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Martin of Chelsea,

That of A. S. Austin and thirty-one others, and A. J. Reid and two hundred and forty-six others, citizens of the town of Chelsea.

By Mr. Parker of Reading,

That of Charles S. Whitmore and one hundred and eighty-four others, citizens of the town of Reading.

By Mr. White of Washington,

That of T. S. Judd and one hundred and nine others, citizens of the town of Washington.

By Mr. Franklin of Newfane,

That of C. P. Stone and forty-eight others, citizens of the town of Newfane.

By Mr. Cummings of Thetford,

That of Samuel M. Gleason, and one hundred and forty-eight others, legal voters of the town of Thetford.

By Mr. Pinney of Holland,

That of S. R. Fletcher and one hundred others, citizens of the town of Holland.

By Mr. Follansby of Guildhall,

That of D. H. Beattie and forty-one others, citizens of the town of Maidstone; also that of T. G. Beattie and twenty-six others, citizens of the town of Brunswick.

By Mr. Lynde of Marlboro,

That of J. A. Stevens and twenty-six others, citizens of the town of Brattleboro.

By Mr. Savage of West Windsor,

That of L. C. Perkins and one hundred and thirty-nine others, citizens of the town of West Windsor.

By Mr. Perry of Brookline,

That of William Adams and forty-five others, legal voters of the town of Brookline.

Mr. Safford of Westminster presented the petition of Henry C. Lane and fifty-five others, citizens of the town of Westminster, praying for the passage of said House bill 177;

Which was referred to the Select Committee on that subject. Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

S. 16. An act regulating appeals under chapter ninety-four

of the General Statutes, and the several acts in amendment thereof, and in addition thereto.

S. 44. An act to amend section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes of this State, relating to salaries and fees.

S. 41. An act amending an act entitled an act relating to criminal offences committed within the limits of incorporated villages in this State.

Senate bill entitled

S. 67. An act providing for the payment of fees of jurors in criminal causes before justices ;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence, with a proposal of amendment.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed :

H. 122. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to schools.

H. 229. An act to increase the efficiency of the Militia.

H. 254. An act to amend section three of an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the Inspector of Finance and defining his duties, approved November 24, 1874.

House bill entitled

H. 244. An act relating to division of public money among school districts where the amount is twelve hundred dollars or more ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 134, nays 82.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Goodrich of Benson, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	French,	Porter,
Adams of Newbury,	Frizzell,	Prindle,
Barnum,	Gale,	Prouty,
Barrett,	Glenison,	Ranney of Pittsfield,
Bartlett,	Gray,	Romaine,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Guernsey,	Rood,
Birkett,	Hamilton,	Roscoe,
Blake,	Hapgood,	Rowland,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Hazelton,	Russell,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Hinman,	Sabin,
Boydton,	Hotchkiss,	Safford,
Braley,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Brown of Pawlet,	Huling,	Savage,
Burbank,	Isham,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Bushnell,	Jenkins of Burke,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Calderwood,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Sherwood,
Camp,	Jennings,	Skinner,
Celley,	Johnson of Vernon,	Slayton,
Chadwick,	Kelton,	Spaulding,
Chamberlin,	Kingsley,	Sprague,
Chesley,	Ladd,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Clark of Jay,	Landon,	Stoddard of Poultney,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Lazelle,	Sturtevant,
Coburn,	Lincoln,	Sulloway,
Colton,	Lindsay,	Swain,
Coolidge,	Long,	Tabor,
Crandall,	Lyford,	Taylor of Morgan,
Crane of Bridport,	Lynde,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Cummings,	McFarland,	Templeton,
Curtis,	McGregor,	Tilden,
Darling of Morristown,	Martin of Chelsea,	Titus of Lemington,
Denny,	Martin of Londonderry,	Titus of Vershire,
Dewey,	Morrissey,	Townshend,
Dillingham,	Nelson,	Uford,
Drake,	Newton of St. Albans,	Wales,
Du Bois,	Olmsted,	Watts,
Eaton of Danville,	Page of Cambridge,	Webb,
Eayres,	Parker of Putney,	Webster of Cabot,
Edwards,	Parker of Reading,	Webster of Franklin,
Erwin,	Parsons,	Webster of Sudbury,
Estey,	Patrick,	Wells,
Everest,	Peake,	Wheeler,
Farwell,	Peck,	White,
Foster,	Pinney,	Wilbur,
Franklin,	Pollard,	Wiley—124.

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,	Farrand,	Needham,
Aldrich,	Farrington,	Newton of Mount Holly,
Bailey,	Fitch,	Nichols,
Beers,	Follansby,	Paul,
Bliss,	Ford,	Pearl,
Bourn,	Francis,	Perry,
Briggs,	Freeman,	Pitkin,
Brigham,	Fuller,	Potter,
Brookins,	Goodrich,	Randall,
Brown of Goshen,	Hager,	Ranger,
Buchanan,	Haynes,	Ranney of Athens,
Burnap of Calais,	Hayward,	Reed,
Burt,	Hemenway,	Richardson,
Chase,	Hopkins,	Rose,
Clark of Stratford,	Howard,	Rowland,
Colvin,	Howe of Springfield,	Sargent of Norwich,
Crane of Williamstown,	Hoyt,	Shaw,
Darling of Worcester,	Hutchinson,	Simonds,
Davis,	Jackman,	Spear,
Dean,	Johnson of Leicester,	Stannard,
Dickerman,	Johnston,	Stearns,
Eastman,	Josselyn,	Sturgess,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Kent,	Thornton,
Eaton of Rochester,	Lengfeld,	Tracy,
Ellis,	Mack,	Tyler,
Evans,	Macomber,	Whitcher,
Fairbanks,	Mason,	Wills,
		Winchester—83.

So the bill passed.

House bill entitled

H. 209. An act for the protection of fish and game ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven moved that it be ordered to lie and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten and one-half o'clock, which motion was lost. The question recurring, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 163, nays 55.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Kent of Panton, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Fitch,	Nichols,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Ford,	Olinsted,
Adams of Newbury,	Foster,	Page of Cambridge,
Alexander,	Francis,	Parker of Putney,
Barnum,	Franklin,	Parkor of Reading,
Barrett,	Freeman,	Parsons,
Bartlett,	French,	Patrick,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Friszell,	Paul,
Birkett,	Gale,	Peck,
Blake,	Gillett,	Perry,
Bliss,	Gleason,	Pinney,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Gray,	Pickin,
Bourn,	Hager,	Pollard,
Boynton,	Hamilton,	Porter,
Braley,	Haggood,	Prindle,
Briggs,	Haynes,	Frouty,
Brown of Goshen,	Hazleton,	Randall,
Brown of Pawlet,	Hemenway,	Ranger,
Brown of Waterford,	Hinman,	Ranney of Athens,
Buchanan,	Hopkins,	Reed,
Bucklin,	Howard,	Richardson,
Burnap of Calais,	Howe of Springfield,	Romaine,
Burnap of Somerset,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Rood,
Bushnell,	Hoyt,	Roscoe,
Calderwood,	Huling,	Rowland,
Camp,	Hutchinson,	Russell,
Chadwick,	Jackman,	Sabin,
Chamberlin,	Jenkins of Burke,	Safford,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Jennings,	Sargent of Norwich,
Coburn,	Johnson of Leicester,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Colton,	Johnson of Vernon,	Shaw,
Colvin,	Johnston,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Crandall,	Kelley,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Crane of Bridport,	Kelton,	Skinner,
Curtis,	Kingsley,	Spaulding,
Darling of Morristown,	Knight,	Spear,
Davis,	Landon,	Sprague,
Denny,	Lazelle,	Stannard,
Dewey,	Lincoln,	Stearns,
Dickerman,	Lindsay,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Dillingham,	McFarland,	Stoddard of Poultney,
Du Bois,	Mack,	Sturgess,
Eaton of Danville,	Macomber,	Sturtevant,
Eaton of Rochester,	Martin of Chelsea,	Sullivan,
Eayres,	Morrissey,	Swain,
Erwin,	Needham,	Tabor,
Farrand,	Nelson,	Taylor of Morgan,
Farrington,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Farwell,	Newton of St. Albans,	Thornton,

Titus of Lemington,
Tyler,
Uford,
Wales,
Webb,
Webster of Oabot,

Webster of Franklin,
Wells,
Wheeler,
Whitcher,
White,
Wilbur,

Willey,
Willis,
Winchester,
Woodbridge—163.

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,
Aldrich,
Bailey,
Beers,
Blissett of Bloomfield,
Brigham,
Brookins,
Burbank,
Coley,
Chase,
Cheney,
Clark of Jay,
Clark of Stafford,
Coolidge,
Crane of Williamstown,
Cummings,
Darling of Worcester,
Dean,
Drake,
Eastman,

Eaton of Middlesex,
Ellis,
E-ley,
Evans,
Fairbanks,
Follansby,
Fuller,
Goodrich,
Guernsey,
Hayward,
Henry,
Hotchkiss,
Isham,
Jenkins of East Haven,
Josselyn,
Kent,
Lengfeld,
Long,
Lyford,
Lynde,

McGregor,
Martin of Londonderry,
Mason,
Pearl,
Potter,
Randall,
Ranney of Pittsfield,
Rowland,
Savage,
Simonds,
Slayton,
Templeton,
Tilden,
Titus of Vershire.
Townshend,
Tracy,
Watts,
Webster of Sudbury—58.

So the bill passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Du Bois of Randolph,

H. 317. An act to pay John Q. A. Bass the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Webster of Franklin,

H. 318. An act to pay Eli Stevens the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

House bill entitled

H. 142. An act taxing the deposits in Savings Banks ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour, (ten and one-half o'clock). The question being, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Sheldon of Rutland, it was ordered to lie and be made the special order for Friday morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

House bill entitled

H. 226. An act establishing the office of an Attorney Gen-

eral, defining his duties and the duties of other officers with reference thereto ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour, (ten and one-half o'clock), and the question being. Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, it was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

Mr. Crane of Williamstown, presented the petition of Calvin Flint, and sixty-one others, citizens of the town of Williamstown, praying for the passage of H. 177 ;

Which was referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Jennings of Hubbardton, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Swain of Rockingham,

H. 319. An act to abolish the office of Railroad Commissioner ;

To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Stoddard of Poultney,

H. 320. An act to amend section fourteen of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Morrissey of Stamford,

H. 321. An act to protect fish in the north branch of the Hoosic River and its tributaries ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Tyler of Waitsfield,

H. 322. An act to pay Francis D. Lamb the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning :

By Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Railroads,

S. 72. An act in amendment of section seven, chapter eighty-eight of the General Statutes.

By Mr. Kelton, from the General Committee,

S. 56. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes.

Mr. Swain, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 54. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the West River Railroad Company, and all acts in addition thereto, and amendment thereof ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 2. An act to amend section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes entitled, "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;"

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, as follows : by striking out after the word "prosecution" in the tenth line of the bill, the words, "and shall also be imprisoned in the county jail not less than one month nor more than two months ;"

Also by striking out after the word "jail," in the sixteenth line the words, "not less than two months nor more than four months," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, *one month* ;

Also by striking out the second section of the bill ;

Pending consideration of which amendments, on motion of Mr. Olmsted of Townshend the bill was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Spaulding, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 245. An act to authorize the trustees of Chester Academy to convey the Academy building and other property ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by adding to the last line of section four the words " for school purposes ;"

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Kingsley, from the Committee on Corporations,

H. 296. An act to incorporate the Mary Fletcher Hospital.

By Mr. Peck, from the General Committee,

H. 261. An act to restore William Williams to his legal rights and privileges.

Mr. Foster, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 217. An act in amendment of an act entitled an act relating to the grand list, approved November 26, 1872 ;

Reported recommending the passage of the following substitute bill :

H. 323. AN ACT RELATING TO THE GRAND LIST.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. The next appraisal of real estate in this State shall be made in the year 1878, and quadrennially thereafter ; and quadrennial appraisals of real estate shall hereafter be made, and lists thereof returned to the town or city clerk's office in the several

towns and cities on or before the first Tuesday in July in said years.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons feeling aggrieved by the appraisal of real estate by the listers, may, within three days after the first Tuesday in July as heretofore provided, appeal to the board of civil authority in the town or city where such real estate is situated; and such appellant shall give immediate notice to one or more of the selectmen or aldermen, and to one or more of the listers of such town or city; and the town or city clerk, upon application of any member of the board of civil authority, shall immediately call a meeting of the civil authority by posting notices in three public places, not less than six nor more than ten days prior to the time of such meeting; and a decision of a majority of said board shall be final. It shall be the duty of the listers, on or before the third Tuesday in July of such years, to meet to revise and perfect the grand list, and at such meeting to appoint one of their number to meet at the place as hereinafter provided, in each county to equalize the grand list of their respective counties.

SEC. 3. The county equalizing conventions shall meet on the first Tuesday in August of each year that a quadrennial appraisal shall be made, at the usual place of holding county courts in such county; except that the listers in the county of Bennington shall meet at the town hall in Arlington; and said listers or assessors, when convened, shall appoint a president to preside over their deliberations, and a secretary to keep a record of their proceedings, and shall proceed to average the valuation of the real estate in their respective towns, justly and equitably, comparing the appraisal of one town with the appraisal of another town so assessed, as they deem proper; and the listers or assessors, so met, shall cause a certificate to be indorsed on such lists describing such alterations as they deem proper to make, which certificate shall be signed by the chairman of such

meeting, and shall send the corrected lists to their respective town clerks, and shall send an abstract of the same, together with the record of their proceedings, by mail, to the secretary of state on or before the second Tuesday of August of said years.

SEC. 4. There shall be a state equalizing board, consisting of one member from each county in the state, who shall be a member of and elected by the county equalizing convention; and in view of any vacancy that may exist in the state equalizing board from any cause, there shall be a substitute member to supply such vacancy, elected by said county equalizing convention, which said substitute member shall be a member of said county equalizing convention, and shall have the same power when acting with the state equalizing board, as the principal member; a certificate of such elections, signed by the president and secretary of said county convention, shall be transmitted to the secretary of state with the proceedings of the county equalizing convention. Said board shall meet in the senate chamber of the state house, in Montpelier, on the third Tuesday of August, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in each year that an appraisal of real estate shall be made, of which board the secretary of state shall be an *ex-officio* member and presiding officer. Said board may elect a secretary and an assistant secretary, who shall keep a full record of its proceedings, which record shall be signed by the president and secretary, deposited in the office of the secretary of state, and a copy thereof transmitted by the secretary of state to the house of representatives, on or before the second Monday of October of the years in which such appraisal shall be made. The salary of said board and its officers, shall be three dollars *per diem*, while engaged in the duties of their appointment, and their actual traveling expenses, which shall be paid on the order of the auditor of accounts.

SEC. 5. Said board shall take the oath prescribed in section

thirty-three of chapter eighty three of the general statutes, and it shall be their duty to average and equalize the valuation of the real estate in the several counties, by adding to or deducting from the appraisal as fixed by the county equalizing convention, as the case may be, and the valuation, so established and certified to by a majority of said board, shall be the list upon which the state taxes shall be made for the succeeding four years, together with the polls and personal property as now provided by law.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the listers in each town and city in this state, on or before the fifteenth day of June, annually, to make and deposit with the clerks of their several towns and cities in this state an abstract of the grand list of their several towns and cities, in the form now required by law; and it shall be the duty of the clerks of the several towns and cities to transmit, by mail, on or before the first day of July of each year, the aforesaid abstract to the secretary of state. It shall also be the duty of the commissioners, whose duty it is to make out the grand list of the unorganized towns and gores in this state, to make and transmit, by mail, to the secretary of state, on or before the first day of July, annually, an abstract of their grand list, in the same manner as the listers of organized towns are required to do. The abstracts named in this act shall be placed on file in the office of the secretary of state.

SEC. 7. If any lister, town clerk, city clerk, or commissioner of grand list of unorganized towns or gores, in this state, or other person named in this act, shall neglect or refuse to perform the duties imposed upon him by this act, and shall be convicted therefor, he shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs, to be recovered by the state's attorney of the county in which such town or gore is situated, in an action in the name of the state.

SEC. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times, and under the rule was

Ordered to lie and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Hotchkiss, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 49. An act in amendment of section six of an act entitled an act enlarging the powers of school district number four of Middlebury, approved November 15, 1866;

Reported in favor of its passage;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 182. An act to enlarge the area of human rights;

Reported adversely to its passage and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? it was decided in the negative, yeas 46, nays 111.

So the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. French, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 114. An act providing for mortgages of personal property;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, as follows: by adding after the word "sale" in the eleventh line of the tenth section of said bill the words "containing a list of said property;"

Also by adding after the word "sale," in the twelfth section thereof, and in the fifth line, the words "which shall be the same as in case of sale by an officer on execution;"

Which amendments were agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill, as amended, be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington, it was ordered to lie and made the special order for next Friday morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Reform School, to whom was recommitted House bill entitled

H. 228. An act conferring additional powers upon the Trustees of the Vermont Reform School ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, as follows : by adding at the end of the third line of section one, after the word " school," the following : " who was taken to said school by sentence or order of any justice of the peace ;"

Also by striking out all after the word " case," at the end of line twenty of section one, and insert the following in lieu thereof : " They may discharge such inmate, stating in the discharge the reason therefor, or such trustees may order such inmate to the alternative sentence as now provided by law in case of refractory or disorderly inmates in said school, and in either case said trustees shall immediately give notice of their doings to the selectmen of the town, or mayor of the city from which said inmate was sent to said school ;"

Which amendments were agreed to, and the bill as amended ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Sheldon of Rutland offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the thanks of the General Assembly are hereby tendered to the Sergeant-at-Arms for the economical, faithful and efficient manner in which, under the orders of the Committee on Public Buildings he has perfected the warming and ventilating apparatus of the Halls of the two Houses ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Newton of St. Albans,

H. 324. An act in amendment of an act to incorporate the village of St. Albans, approved November 18, 1859, and of the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Fuller of Eden,

H. 825. An act relating to bonding of towns for the building of railroads ;

To the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Sabin of Montpelier, called up House bill entitled

H. 271. An act to amend chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled of the grand list ;

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Sabin it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Friday afternoon at two and one-half o'clock.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 93. An act providing for the labor of prisoners for safe keeping.

S. 98. An act in amendment of an act relating to the division of the property of school districts, approved November 27, 1872.

S. 100. An act to extend the benefits of common schools ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 134. An act to incorporate the Shelburne Steamboat Company ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 58. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, entitled "Common schools and school laws ;"

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

On motion of Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Swain of Rockingham, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Remonstrances of sundry persons against the passage of House bill 177 ;

Were severally presented and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Sargent of Norwich,

That of J. W. Loveland and one hundred and twenty others, citizens of the town of Norwich.

By Mr. Ranney of Athens,

That of R. H. Hall and twenty-nine others, citizens of the town of Athens.

By Mr. Sturgess of Jamaica,

That of W. H. H. Holton and one hundred and twenty others, citizens of the town of Jamaica.

Petitions were severally presented praying for the passage of said bill, and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Stannard of Andover,

That of G. W. Stickney and others, citizens of the town of Andover.

By Mr. Ranney of Athens,
That of J. O. Kingsley and eighteen others, citizens of the town of Athens.

By Mr. Shaw of Victory,
That of the legal voters of the town of Victory.

By Mr. Adams of Newbury,
That of C. B. Leslie and seventy-nine others, citizens of the town of Newbury.

By Mr. Skinner of Royalton,
That of C. H. Woodward and twenty others ; H. P. Allen and one hundred and twenty-eight others ; J. W. Metcalf and twenty-three others, citizens of the town of Royalton.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Martin of Chelsea,
H. 326. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act changing the name of and relating to the Northfield Cemetery Association, approved November 14, 1869 ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. French of Woodstock,
H. 327. An act for the discharge of poor criminals from jail ;
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second time and referred as follows :

S. 93. An act providing for the labor of prisoners for safe keeping ;

To the Committee on the State Prison.

S. 98. An act in amendment of an act relating to the division of the property of school districts, approved November 27, 1872 ;
To the Committee on Education.

S. 100. An act to extend the benefits of common schools ;
To the Committee on Education.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 256 An act to pay Charles Morgan the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by inserting before the word "dollars" in the blank in section one, the words *two hundred and sixty-five*; also by inserting in the blank before the word "cents" the words *sixty-two* ;

Which amendments were agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill as amended be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Abell of West Haven it was recommitted

To the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Roscoe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 161. An act to pay the town of Fairlee the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by filling the blank in section one with the words, *fifty-three and ninety-eight one-hundredths dollars* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second time and referred, as follows :

By Mr. Henry of Chester,

H. 328. An act to create an additional shire in the County of Windsor; also,

H. 329. An act to authorize the town of Chester to aid in the construction of a Court House in said town ;

Both of which bills were referred to a Select Committee consisting of all the members from Windsor County.

By Mr. Eaton of Danville,

H. 330. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act in relation to suits and proceedings in which a railroad corporation

is, or may be a party, or interested," approved November 19, 1867 ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill entitled

H. 223. An act in amendment of section six, chapter one hundred and two of the General Statutes, relating to damages by reason of insufficiency of division fences ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (ten and one-half o'clock), and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

House bill entitled

H. 226. An act establishing the office of an Attorney General defining his duties and the duties of other officers with reference thereto ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (ten and one-half o'clock), and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. French it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

Mr. Wales of Burlington called up joint resolution relating to final adjournment ;

The question being, Shall the vote adopting the resolution on the part of the House be reconsidered, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Select Committee on the Centennial year and the Battle of Bennington, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H, 278. An act to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended as follows :

By inserting in the blank next after the words "amount of," in the first section, the words *thirty thousand* ;

By inserting in the first blank of section seven, the words *fifteen thousand*;

By inserting in the second blank of section seven, the words *five thousand*;

By inserting in the third blank of section seven, the words *two thousand*;

By inserting in the fourth blank of section seven, the words *two thousand*;

The first of which amendments was agreed to; pending consideration of the second amendment proposed by the committee, on motion of Mr. Abell of West Haven, the bill was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Parker, from the Committee on the State Prison, submitted a special report thereon and recommended the passage of the following bill:

(For report see Appendix "C.")

H. 331.—AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE STATE PRISON.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. The State prison shall be under the direction and control of three directors and one superintendent. The directors shall be elected biennially by the senate and house of representatives in joint assembly, and shall hold their office for two years, commencing on the first day of December next following their election. The superintendent shall be appointed biennially by the Governor, and shall hold his office for two years, commencing on the same first day of December as the term of office of directors as above provided. Provided, however, that the said superintendent may at any time be removed from office in the following manner: The directors, or a majority of them, may make charges or complaints against him in writing, to the Governor, and if the same shall be supported by proof, and the Governor

shall deem such charges or complaints a sufficient cause for removal, he may at once remove such Superintendent from office, and appoint another to fill the unexpired term, who shall be subject to all the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. The directors and superintendent shall, before entering upon the duties of their offices, each give a bond with two or more sufficient sureties approved by the Governor, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, to the State of Vermont, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their respective duties.

SEC. 3. The directors shall take charge of the general interests of the prison, see that its affairs are conducted in accordance with the laws of the State, and some one of their number shall visit the prison at least once in every three months, and make a thorough examination of the prison in all its departments, and at least once in every six months the full board of directors shall visit the prison and make a thorough examination of the buildings, and all material used in and about the same, and also inquire into the sanitary condition and discipline of the prison, and give such directions as to the general management of the prison to the Superintendent as they shall deem necessary, provided they do not conflict with his powers and duties prescribed by law.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the directors on the thirty-first day of July, A. D. 1878, and biennially thereafter, to make an inventory of all the property of the State at the prison, and appraise the same at its true value in money, and also examine and adjust the accounts of the Superintendent for the two years preceding, and transmit a full statement thereof, together with a copy of the inventory, a list of the prisoners, the commencement and expiration of their several sentences, and a statement of the sanitary condition and discipline of the prison, to the Governor.

SEC. 5. The directors, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to contract, for a term not exceeding five years, to any

person or persons the labor of all or any part of the convicts of said prison, in such manner and on such terms as a majority of said directors shall judge best for the interests of the State; provided that no such contract shall interfere with the proper management and discipline of the convicts in the prison. And they shall also make sale of such articles produced in or belonging to the prison as are proper to be sold.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent:—

First. To make and establish all such regulations and by-laws for the management of the prison, and for the government and security of the prisoners therein as may be necessary and proper, and not repugnant to the laws of the State, and the same alter from time to time as shall be found expedient. And the Superintendent shall give his whole time and attention to the care of the prison, and shall attend personally to all matters of business connected therewith, and shall be held responsible for the care and discipline of the prison.

S*Second.* To appoint and remove at pleasure a keeper and such servants and guards as shall be necessary for the due management of the institution and the safe keeping of the prisoners.

Third. To appoint a chaplain at a salary not exceeding dollars per annum, whose duties shall be the same as now required by law.

Fourth. To purchase all the provisions and material and all other articles necessary for supporting and employing the prisoners, and for effecting the objects of the institution, and to effect all necessary repairs of the prison and its appurtenances.

Fifth. To take charge and custody of the bedding, furniture, tools, implements, stock, provisions, and every species of property pertaining to the prison belonging to the State.

Sixth. To receive all money due the State on account of labor of the convicts, or sale of material belonging to the prison, and immediately transmit the same to the State treasurer; to keep

in suitable books regular and complete accounts of all property, expenses, purchases, sales, income, business, and all concerns of the prison, subject at all times to the inspection of the directors.

Seventh. To suppress any disorder, riots or insurrections that may take place among the prisoners; and to receive and keep at hard labor in the prison all persons sentenced to confinement at hard labor therein by the authority of the United States, until they shall be discharged, agreeable to the laws of the United States.

SEC. 7. The superintendent shall report biennially to the General Assembly a true and particular statement, showing the actual condition of the prison; the amount of money received during the two years; its disposition, and from what source received; the number of prisoners; the date and length of their sentence; the number committed and the number discharged, and whether discharged on account of expiration of term of sentence or pardoned by the Governor, and all deaths of prisoners, and the causes thereof, giving the full names under which they were sentenced. He shall also annex to said report a copy of the by-laws of the prison.

SEC. 8. On the first day of December, A. D. 1876, and every six months thereafter, the superintendent shall make an estimate of the amount of funds required to transact the business of the prison and support the prisoners therein, stating in detail for what purpose the funds are required; and when such estimate has been approved by a majority of the directors, the auditor of accounts shall draw an order on the treasury for the same. He shall, on the thirty-first days of January and July of each year, deliver an abstract of the expenses of the prison, with vouchers for the same, to the auditor of accounts, who shall thereupon examine and audit said accounts and draw his order on the treasury for such sum as he shall find due.

SEC. 9. The salary of the superintendent shall be per annum, and all necessary traveling expenses, while upon the duties of his office, and the same shall be paid semi-annually; and the pay of the directors shall be three dollars a day for all services rendered under this act, and their necessary expenses, to be allowed by the auditor of accounts.

SEC. 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect December 1, A. D. 1876, provided that the directors provided for by this act, for the two years commencing December 1, A. D. 1876, shall be chosen at the present session of the legislature; and the superintendent for the same two years shall be appointed by the Governor prior to the said first day of December, A. D. 1876.

Which under the rule was read the first and second times, ordered to lie, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Sprague, from the Committee on the Reform School, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 103. An act relating to the Reform School;

Reported recommending the passage of the following substitute bill entitled

H. 332. AN ACT RELATING TO THE REFORM SCHOOL.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for erecting a new building for the use of the boys' department of the Reform School at Vergennes, upon the old arsenal grounds,—which building is to be built of brick, so far as may be, and in a substantial manner, and of sufficient capacity to accommodate two hundred boys as inmates of said school; and the said sum of money is to be expended as above stated, in the

discretion of the trustees of said Reform School, if, in their judgment, the necessities of said school shall require.

SEC. 2. The sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of erecting upon the farm belonging to the Vermont Reform School at Vergennes, a good, substantial, and convenient barn and all necessary appendages and equipments sufficient for the use of said farm, and also to improve the present buildings occupied by the boys of said Reform School, by raising the roof of the old green house, so called, and thereby affording a hospital and increased sleeping apartments for the use of said school, the said sum to be expended for the purposes aforesaid by the trustees of said school and in their discretion.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times, and under the rule was

Ordered to lie and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Du Bois of Randolph,

H. 333. An act to incorporate the village of West Randolph;
To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Nichols of Essex,

H. 334. An act to pay Lucien W. French the sum therein
named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hotchkiss of Georgia,

H. 335. An act to prevent illegal voting in certain cases ;
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven,

H. 336. An act to incorporate the Montpelier Slate and Mining Company ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

H. 337. An act to change the name of William Francis Pratt to William Francis Lewis ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes,

H. 338. An act to amend section sixty-three of chapter one of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 104. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the West Fairlee Savings Bank and Trust Company ;"

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 48. An act establishing the salaries of certain State officers.

H. 136. An act to amend section four of an act establishing the annual salary of certain State officers, and the compensation of certain State employes, approved November 23, 1870 ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 232. An act in amendment of section forty-two of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

The Senate have considered joint resolution from the House
Thanking the Sergeant-at-Arms ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution for

supplying a vacancy in the board of trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College ;

And ask the House to concur in the adoption of the same.

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 74. An act to amend sections one and four of an act entitled "An act relating to the town and district systems of schools," approved November 26, A. D. 1872.

S. 79. An act to encourage the training of common school teachers.

S. 87. An act in relation to parties and appeals in the Probate Court, and in addition to chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes ;

And the House are asked to concur in the passage thereof.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to

S. 67. An act providing for the payment of fees of jurors in criminal causes before justices ;

And have concurred therein.

Mr. Roscoe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 262. An act to pay J. C. Williams the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by filling the blank in section one with the words, *forty-two and seventy one-hundredths dollars ;*

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the thirteenth day of November he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles, viz. :

H. 33. An act to protect fish in Ray Pond, Wilmington.

H. 43. An act to incorporate the Glenwood Classical Seminary.

H. 44. An act to pay William H. Boynton the sum therein named.

H. 143. An act in addition to an act incorporating the Woodstock Railroad Company.

H. 164. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Woodford for the years 1875 and 1876.

And on the fifteenth day of November he approved and signed bills of the following titles :

H. 37. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Weybridge for the year 1876.

H. 86. An act to protect fish in Deerfield River and its tributaries.

H. 93. An act relating to Cemetery Associations.

H. 171. An act to amend an act entitled, "An act to authorize school districts to send scholars to academies in certain cases named therein ;"

H. 77. An act to incorporate the Newbury Seminary and Ladies' Institute.

H. 180. An act to pay the National Bank of Barre the sum therein named.

H. 181. An act fixing the time of holding the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Normal School at Randolph.

H. 186. An act to repeal an act entitled "An act to establish the Springfield Graded School District."

H. 190. An act to authorize the Trustees of West Randolph Academy to transfer the academy building and other property.

H. 196. An act to amend section nine of "An act to incorporate the village of Montpelier," approved November 14, 1855.

H. 238. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Castleton for 1876.

Also to deliver communications in writing with accompanying documents.

Mr. Sheldon, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred joint resolution relating to the State Library, Cabinet and Historical Society ;

Reported recommending the adoption of the joint resolution ;

Which was thereupon adopted on the part of the House.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Calderwood, from the Committee on Education,

H. 292. An act relating to the metrical system of weights and measures.

By Mr. Abell, from the same Committee,

H. 215. An act relating to town schools.

Mr. Wales, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 235. An act in relation to appointment of guardians for married women in certain cases ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended as follows :

By striking out the first, second and third sections, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following sections :

SEC. 1. The words "insane persons," in section twelve, chapter seventy-two of the General Statutes, shall extend to and include married women who are insane and have real or personal estate, and the probate court may appoint guardians of such married women in the same manner and with the same powers and duties as is now provided by law, in the case of insane persons, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Before the probate court shall appoint any person guardian of a married woman other than her husband, notice of the application for such appointment and of the time and place of

hearing shall be given to the husband at least twelve days prior to the time set for such hearing.

SEC. 3. The appointment of a guardian of an insane married woman shall not relieve her husband from liability to support her, nor shall it deprive him of the custody of her person so long as he is suitable and competent to have the care of his wife;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second time and referred, as follows :

S. 74. An act to amend sections one and four of an act entitled, "An act relating to the town and district systems of schools," approved November 26, 1872;

To the Committee on Education.

S. 79. An act to encourage the training of common school teachers;

To the Committee on Education.

S. 87. An act in relation to parties and appeals in the Probate Courts, and in addition to chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 104. An act to amend an act entitled, "An act to incorporate the West Fairlee Savings Bank and Trust Company;"

To the Committee on Banks.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 58. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, entitled common schools and school laws.

The Senate propose to the House to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 1. If any school district shall not have had its school-house located in any of the ways prescribed by law, and such

district shall heretofore have failed, or shall hereafter fail, at a meeting of the legal voters of such district legally warned and holden for that purpose, to locate its school-house by a vote of two-thirds of the legal voters present at said meeting, and the prudential committee have refused or neglected, or shall hereafter refuse or neglect for five days after such failure of such district, to make application to the selectmen of the town in which such district is situate, as provided in section forty-four of chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, for the purpose therein stated, any three legal voters in such district may make application in writing to such selectmen, setting forth such failure of such district and such refusal or neglect of such prudential committee, and therein petition such selectmen to determine in what part of such district and in what place such school-house shall be located.

SEC. 2. Where a school district has heretofore been created, or shall hereafter be created by the concurrent vote of two or more towns, as provided in section twenty-four of chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, by which two or more districts in said towns are united and formed into one school district, and such new district shall not have had its school-house located in any of the ways prescribed by law, and such district has heretofore failed, or shall hereafter fail, by a vote of two-thirds of the voters present at a meeting of the legal voters of such district legally warned and holden for that purpose, to locate its school-house, and the prudential committee of such district have refused or neglected, or hereafter shall refuse or neglect for five days after such failure of such district to make application to the selectmen of the town, in which such district shall be situated, to decide upon the location of a school-house for such district, any three legal voters of such district may make application to the selectmen of the towns in which such district

shall be situated, in writing, and in the manner provided in section one of this act.

SEC. 3. When such application shall be made to such selectmen as provided in sections one and two of this act, such selectmen shall forthwith, in one or more public places in such district, post a notice in writing of such application and of the time and place in said district when and where all persons interested may be heard, and at which time and place such selectmen shall, in case they find such failure of such district and such neglect or refusal of such prudential committee, determine in what part of said district and in what place such school house shall be located and shall make return of such application and of their doings thereon, to the clerk of such district, who shall make a record of the same.

SEC. 4. Where application shall be made to the selectmen of two or more towns as provided in section two of this act, and the majority of such selectmen shall not agree upon a location for such school house, such selectmen shall forthwith make a return of such application and of their inability to agree upon such location to the clerk of such district, who shall make a record of the same; and thereupon any three legal voters of such district may make application in writing to one of the assistant judges of the county court of the county in which such district shall be situated, and if such district shall embrace territory in more than one county, application shall be made to one of the assistant judges of the county court in which the greatest number of legal voters of such district shall reside, to determine the location of such school house. And upon such application being made, it shall be the duty of such assistant judge to give notice thereof, and of the time and place for hearing, by posting notice in writing, as provided in section three of this act, and at such time and place shall make decision in the matter, and make

return of the application, and of his doings thereon to the clerk of such district, who shall make a record of the same.

SEC. 5. Such assistant judge shall be allowed for his services three dollars per day and his expenses, to be paid by such district.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Pending consideration of which amendment, on motion of Mr. Olmsted of Townshend, the bill was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 17. An act to repeal a part of section five of an act entitled "An act in amendment of section twenty-two, of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled 'Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks,' and in addition to said chapter," approved November 8, 1870;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Dillingham, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 308. An act entitled an act in addition to chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, relating to the traffic in intoxicating drinks;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Peck of Ira, it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Dillingham, from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 39. An act relating to the appointment of the reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Sargent of Norwich, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in joint assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives, this afternoon at three and one half o'clock, to elect a Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Frederick Billings, Esq. ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were read the third time and passed in concurrence :

S. 72. An act in amendment of section seven, chapter eight of the General Statutes

S. 56. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes.

House bill entitled

H. 228. An act conferring additional powers upon the Trustees of the Vermont Reform School ;

Was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Abell of West Haven, called up the resolution relating to the morning sessions of the House. The question being, Shall the resolution be adopted ? on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea, it was

Ordered to lie.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second time and referred as follows :

By Mr. Tabor of Mt. Tabor,

H. 339. An act to pay Luther P. Howe the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Stoddard of Fayston,

H. 340. An act to protect fish in Mad River and its tributaries ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 341. An act in amendment of an act entitled an act establishing a corporation by the name of the Champlain Transportation Company ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Tilden of Roxbury,

H. 342. An act to pay Samuel Taylor the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Crandall of Hardwick,

H. 343. An act to incorporate the East Hardwick Baptist Society in Hardwick ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes,

H. 344. An act relating to appeals in the Court of Chancery ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bucklin of Danby,

H. 345. An act to amend an act approved November 19, 1866, entitled "An act to amend section thirteen of chapter forty-seven of the General Statutes, entitled 'Of levy of executions ;'"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Martin of Chelsea, called up the resolution relating to the morning sessions of the House, which, on motion of Mr.

French of Woodstock, was amended by inserting therein, in place of the words "nine o'clock," the words *nine and one half o'clock*, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Curtis of Lowell presented the remonstrance of L. B. Wellman and one hundred and eleven others, citizens of the town of Lowell, against the passage of House bill 177, which was referred to the Select Committee on that subject.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 283. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act empowering towns and incorporated villages to have and maintain lockups or jails, approved November 24, 1874.

By Mr. Peck, from the General Committee,

H. 286. An act changing the name of Gertrude Maude Williams, and constituting her heir-at-law of Rollin C. and Susan A. Sherwin..

By Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 34. An act repealing an act entitled "An act to amend chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled 'Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks.'"

By Mr. Woodbridge, from the same Committee,

H. 265. An act in amendment of chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the General Statutes entitled "Of collection and disposition of fines, costs and recognizances in criminal cases."

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Houghton, from the Select Committee consisting of the members from Bennington County,

H. 197. An act laying a tax on the County of Bennington.

By Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 216. An act to restore John B. Fersons to his legal rights and privileges.

Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 302. An act to pay M. Quinn the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by inserting before the word "dollars," in the fifth line of section one, the words *forty-six and fifty one-hundredths*;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Barrett, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 206. An act to pay Jeremiah O'Brien the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by inserting before the word "dollars," in the fourth line of section one, the words *thirty-one and fifty one-hundredths* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 300. An act to amend section one of chapter thirty-four of the General Statutes of this State, entitled of proceedings against Trustees ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon, the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 190. An act to pay Nathan Lockwood the sum therein named ;

H. 296. An act to incorporate the Mary Fletcher Hospital ;
And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 54. An act for the punishment of attempts to commit offences ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

The hour for the Joint Assembly having arrived the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The Joint Assembly having concluded its session the Speaker resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Eaton of Danville the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

By Mr. Swain of Rockingham,

H. 346. An act for the establishment and construction of a Work House ;

Which under the rule was read the first and second time and

Ordered to lie.

By Mr. Taylor of Sherburne,

H. 347. An act to protect persons and property in the vicinity of water reservoirs in this State ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

H. 348. An act to pay Henry P. Kent the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 349. An act authorizing the appointment of commissioners to establish an asylum for the insane ;

To the Committee on the Insane.

By Mr. Alexander of Guilford,

H. 350. An act relating to the standard measure for milk ;

To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 351. An act to pay certain persons for taking care of the insane ;

To the Committee on the Insane.

By Mr. Erwin of Newport,

H. 352. An act in amendment of an act approved November 24, 1874, entitled " An act regulating the capture of fish and game ; "

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Celley of Fairlee,

H. 353. An act to amend chapter one hundred and one of the General Statutes, entitled " Of floating lumber ; "

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Randall of Hyde Park,

H. 354. An act to pay Archibald Dwinell the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Brookins of Shoreham.

H. 355. An act to protect fish in Lemon Fair ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Wales of Burlington,

H. 356. An act in relation to the discharge of trustees in certain cases ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Swain of Rockingham,

H. 357. An act repealing an act entitled " An act relating to the expenditures of the highway tax assessed within the limits of the village of Bellows Falls ;"

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Braley of Troy,

H. 358. An act to incorporate the village of North Troy ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Dean of Barnard,

H. 359. An act to pay Gardner J. Wallace the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

H. 360. An act requiring the recording of bonds given to the Probate Court ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Mason of Pownal,

H. 361. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Pownal for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Bushnell of Starksboro,

H. 362. An act in amendment of sections eight and nine, chapter one of the General Statutes, relating to elections ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrances of sundry persons against the passage of

House bill 177, were severally presented and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Howe of Springfield,

That of C. Horace Hubbard and two hundred and eighty others, legal voters of the town of Springfield.

By Mr. Stearns of Weathersfield,

That of William M. Pingry and two hundred and four others, legal voters of the town of Weathersfield.

By Mr. Reed of Dummerston,

That of J. E. Warden and fifty others, citizens of the town of Dummerston.

By Mr. Paul of Pomfret,

That of Crosby Miller and one hundred and eighty-three others, citizens of the town of Pomfret.

By Mr. Coolidge of Plymouth,

That of Alpheus F. Snow and one hundred and twenty-seven others, citizens of the town of Plymouth.

Mr. Wright of Lunenburgh presented the petition of J. G. Bowker and sixty-nine others, citizens of the town of Lunenburgh, praying for the passage of House bill 177 ;

Which was referred

To the Select Committee on that subject.

Mr. Hopkins of Tinmouth offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Vermont Dairymen's Association, the accredited representative of the most important industry in the State at its last Winter Meeting held in the village of Rutland, discussed at length the dangers liable to result from the introduction into the State of some of the contagious cattle diseases which have from time to time prevailed in neighboring States, and subsequently adopted the following preamble and resolution, to wit.:

WHEREAS, The extent of modern cattle traffic gives great

facilities for the spread of contagious diseases among our domestic animals ; therefore,

Resolved, That an intelligent continuous commission should be established in every State, clothed with ample powers to control and eradicate all contagious diseases in domestic animals.

Resolved, That the study of the veterinary art should be encouraged in every Agricultural College, and that the health of our flocks and herds, and in consequence the life and health of our households, would be largely promoted by more general veterinary knowledge ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Agricultural Committee of this House be requested to take this subject under consideration and report to this House by bill or otherwise ;

Which was read and adopted.

Senate bill entitled

S. 39. An act relating to the appointment of the Reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court.

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bill entitled

H. 223. An act in amendment of section six, chapter one hundred and two of the General Statutes, relating to damages by reason of insufficiency of division fences ;

Was read the third time and its passage refused.

Bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed :

H. 300. An act to amend section one, of chapter thirty-four of the General Statutes of this State, entitled " Of proceedings against trustees."

H. 235. An act in relation to appointment of guardians for married women in certain cases.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communications from His Excellency, the Governor ;

STATE OF VERMONT.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Montpelier, November 16, 1876. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

There came into my hands from my predecessor some papers and correspondence in relation to the purchase by the State, of the sword of Ethan Allen. That Vermont should be the custodian of so valuable a relic no one will question.

The evidence of the identity of the sword seems to be sufficient to justify a more searching inquiry. I herewith transmit the papers to the House of Representatives for the use of the General Assembly, that such action may be taken as shall seem proper.

HORACE FAIRBANKS.

STATE OF VERMONT.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Montpelier, Nov. 16, 1876. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit herewith to the House of Representatives, for the use of the General Assembly, the account of expenditures of M. C. Edmunds, one of the Fish Commissioners, for the last four years, called for by the joint resolution passed November 2, 1876.

HORACE FAIRBANKS.

Which were respectively read by the Clerk, and together with the documents and papers accompanying the same, were referred

To the Committee under the Fourth Joint Rule.

Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro called up House bill entitled H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay expenses of the Reform School;

And the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Calderwood moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 1. That whenever any boy or girl shall be committed to the Vermont reform school,—if such commitment shall be by order of a justice of the peace, or municipal, city, police or county court,—the town or city in which such boy or girl resided and had his or her home next prior to such commitment shall pay to the board of trustees of said reform school, towards the maintenance of said boy or girl at said school, the sum of one dollar per week during his or her continuance at said school. And if any town or city from which any boy or girl shall be so committed to said school, shall neglect or refuse to pay to the trustees of said school the sum of one dollar per week towards the maintenance of such boy or girl during his or her continuance at said school, on demand, said trustees may, in the name of the treasurer of the State, sue for and recover the same in an action of assumpsit in any court of competent jurisdiction. Provided, however, that such town or city shall have authority to recover all sums paid towards the maintenance of such boy or girl at said school, under the provisions of this section, of the town or city where such boy or girl has his or her legal settlement.

SEC. 2. The kindred of any such boy or girl who shall become chargeable to any town or city by reason of his or her sentence to said school, in the line or degree of father or grandfather, mother or grandmother, by consanguinity, living within this State and of sufficient ability, shall be bound to contribute towards the support of such boy or girl while confined in said school as aforesaid, in proportion to their respective ability, in no case to exceed one dollar per week.

SEC. 3. The county court in the county where any one of

such kindred to be charged shall reside, upon complaint made by any town which shall have been to any expense for the maintenance of such boy or girl at said school in accordance with the provisions of section one of this act, may on due hearing, either upon the appearance or default of the kindred supposed to be chargeable, assess and apportion upon such of the kindred as they shall find to be of sufficient ability, and in proportion thereto, such sum as they shall judge reasonable,—not to exceed one dollar per week,—towards the maintenance of such boy or girl at such school while he or she shall remain therein under sentence of such court or justice, and may enforce payment thereof by an execution in common form.

SEC. 4. The said court shall have such further powers and authority in the premises as are now given to the county court in the case of the kindred of paupers, by sections twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-five and twenty-six of chapter twenty of the General Statutes; and the same rights which are given to the towns and kindred in the case of paupers by sections twenty-four, twenty-five and twenty-six of the same chapter, are hereby given to the towns and kindred affected by this act.

SEC. 5. The court or justice before whom any boy or girl is sentenced to said reform school shall certify in the mittimus the city or town in which said boy or girl had his or her home next prior to such sentence, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence in the first instance to charge such city or town with his or her maintenance at said school, not exceeding one dollar per week. The superintendent of said school, upon the commitment of such boy or girl, shall notify in writing the aldermen of any city or selectmen of any town so liable, by mail or otherwise, the name of the boy or girl committed, the offence charged, and the term for which said boy or girl is sentenced.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Pending the consideration of which amendment, on motion of Mr. Calderwood it was ordered to lie and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of three hundred and fifty copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, the resolution providing that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with during the remainder of the session ;

Was taken up and adopted.

Mr. French offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire as to the necessity and expediency of having the Statutes of this State revised or compiled, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Knight, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 237. An act to legalize the grand lists of the town of Maidstone for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by striking out in section one, in the third and fourth lines, the following words : "as to all taxes assessed thereon or to be assessed ;"

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill, as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 10. An act entitled "An act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office," approved November 26, 1872 ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time tomorrow morning.

Mr. Batchelder, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 73. An act to amend section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 280. An act to incorporate the Weston Branch Railroad Company ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz. :

H. 13. An act granting a ferry to Almon C. Farr, at Larabee's Point.

H. 48. An act establishing the salaries of certain State officers.

H. 52. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the General Statutes, entitled "Of county jails and the confinement and discharge of prisoners."

H. 136. An act to amend section four of an act establishing the annual salary of certain State officers, and the compensation of certain State employes, approved November 23, 1870.

H. 183. An act in relation to the charter of the Farmers and Mechanics' Savings Institution and Trust Company.

H. 134. An act to incorporate the Shelburne Steamboat Company.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 10. An act relating to the grand list ;

And the House are asked to concur in the passage of the same.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 245. An act to authorize the Trustees of the Chester Academy to convey the Academy building and other property.

H. 122. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to schools.

H. 209. An act for the protection of game and fish.

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 6. An act in amendment of section fifteen chapter twenty of the General Statutes.

H. 236. An act enabling the proprietors and pew owners of the Congregational Meeting-House in Bristol Village, to dispose of the same ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

House bill entitled

H. 226. An act establishing the office of an Attorney General, defining his duties and the duties of other officers with reference thereto ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour, (ten and one half o'clock), and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? Mr. French moved to amend the same by strik-

ing out in the fifth line of section seven, between the words "attorney," and "compensation," the word *any* ;

Also to strike out the word "any," in the eighth line of the same section, and insert in lieu thereof the word *a* ;

Which amendments were agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Eaton of Danville, the bill was further amended by striking out all of section nine after the word "dollars."

Mr. McFarland of Johnson moved to further amend the bill by adding to section two the following :

"And he shall attend any criminal trial whenever the State's Attorney shall so request, or if not practicable to attend in person, he shall procure able counsel to appear for him, and assist in said trials, without expense to the State."

Mr. Woodbridge moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the words "so request."

Pending the consideration of which, Mr. Evans of Moretown moved that the bill be dismissed, which motion was lost. Mr. Woodbridge asked and obtained leave to withdraw his proposal of amendment to the amendment. Mr. French then moved to amend the amendment to the bill as proposed by Mr. McFarland, by striking out all of said amendment, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

"If upon the request of the State's Attorney, the Attorney General is unable to attend by reason of sickness, the Court may direct counsel to be employed to assist the State's Attorney, if necessary, to be paid by the Attorney General ;"

Pending consideration of which amendment, Mr. Olmsted of Townshend moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, which motion was lost. The question being, Will the House agree to the amendment to the amendment ?

On motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON. .

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,

H. 363. An act for the better protection of buildings from fire in villages organized under the laws of this State ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro,

H. 364. An act authorizing the raising of Horse Pond, in the town of Greensboro ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Ellis of Huntington,

H. 365. An act laying a tax on Avery's and Buel's Gores in the County of Chittenden ;

To the Committee on Land Taxes.

By Mr. Olmsted of Townshend,

H. 366. An act relating to School Commissioners ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Knight of North Hero,

H. 367. An act requiring butchers or meat peddlers to pay a license ;

To the General Committee.

By Mr. Peck of Ira,

H. 368. An act to provide for the building of a jail in the County of Rutland ;

To a Select Committee consisting of all the members from Rutland County.

By Mr. Sheldon of Rutland,

H. 369. An act to provide for the removal of incompetent overseers of the poor ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Macomber of Westford,

H. 370. An act to insure a uniformity of text books in the common schools ;

To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Hotchkiss of Georgia,

H. 371. An act to pay R. J. Cooley and H. G. Alexander the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Skeels of Highgate,

H. 372. An act to pay Milo B. Williamson the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Ladd of Alburgh,

H. 373. An act to incorporate the Alburgh Cemetery Association ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Pitkin of Marshfield,

H. 374. An act to amend an act entitled "An act relating to sentences to the Vermont Reform School," approved November 22, 1870 ;

To the Committee on the Reform School.

By Mr. Spaulding of Barre,

H. 375. An act to pay Ira P. Harrington the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency and necessity of simplifying com-

plaints and indictments for the crime of perjury, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to make inquiry as to the expediency of taking some measures to diffuse among the farmers of Vermont a more general knowledge upon the subject of insect depredations, and, if they shall deem it advisable, to report by bill or otherwise ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Sabin of Montpelier presented the petition of Eliza Guernsey and fifty-five others, praying for the erection of a building for the insane ;

Which was read and referred

To the Committee on the Insane.

Mr. French of Woodstock offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire as to the necessity of amending the laws permitting divorces, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Which was read and adopted.

House bill entitled

H. 226. An act establishing the office of an Attorney General, and defining his duties, and the duties of other officers with reference thereto ;

Was taken up as unfinished business.

Mr. McFarland asked and obtained leave to withdraw his proposal of amendment, and offered the following substitute for said amendment: by striking out all after the word "thereto," in the fifth line of section two, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

"To attend and assist the State's Attorneys in all capital trials and all other important criminal trials in the county and supreme

courts, when consistent with the other duties of his office. If the Attorney General is prevented from attending any important criminal cause by reason of sickness, the court in which such cause is pending, if they think the importance of the case demands, may assign counsel to assist the State's Attorney in the trial thereof, at the expense of the Attorney General, such counsel to be paid such sum as said court shall direct for said services ; "

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Randall of Hyde Park moved to further amend the bill by striking out in section nine, before the word " dollars," the words "two thousand," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *twenty-five hundred* ;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Peck of Ira, the Clerk was directed to request the Senate to return to the possession of the House, Senate bill entitled

S. 34. An act repealing an act entitled an act to amend chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

House bill entitled

H. 142. An act taxing the deposits of savings banks ;

Which was assigned as a special order for this forenoon, was taken up on motion of Mr. Lynde of Marlboro as unfinished business. The question being, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the negative, yeas 43, nays 157.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Dean of Barnard, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,	Estey,	Pitkin,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Gale,	Prindle,
Bailey,	Hazeltan,	Safford,
Barrett,	Henry,	Sargout of Wilmington,
Bliss,	Human,	Skeels,
Calkinwood,	Hopkins,	Sturtevant,
Colton,	Hotchkiss,	Swain,
Coolidge,	Hutchinson,	Titus of Vershire,
Grandall,	Jackman,	Tyler,
Cummings,	Landou,	Udell,
Darling of Worcester,	Lynde,	Wales,
Denny,	Mason,	Watts,
Du Bois,	Newton of St. Albans,	White—43.
Eaton of Danville,	Pago of Groton,	
Edwards,	Parker of Putney,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Follansby,	Paul,
Adams of Newbury,	Ford,	Peake,
Barnum,	Foster,	Pearl,
Bartlett,	Francis,	Peck,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Frauklin,	Perry,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Freeman,	Pinney,
Birkett,	French,	Pollard,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Frizzell,	Porter,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Fuller,	Prouty,
Bourn,	Gillet,	Randall,
Boynton,	Gleason,	Ranger,
Briley,	Goochrich,	Raney of Athens,
Briggs,	Hager,	Raney of Pittsfield,
Brigham,	Hamilton,	Richardson,
Brookins,	Hapgood,	Romaine,
Brown of Pawlet,	Haynes,	Rood,
Brown of Waterford,	Hayward,	Roscoe,
Buchanan,	Hickins,	Rose,
Bucklin,	Houghton,	Sabin,
Burbank,	Howard,	Sargout of Norwich,
Burnap of Calais,	Howe of Springfield,	Savage,
Burnap of Somerset,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Shaw,
Burt,	Hoyt,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Bushnell,	Hutchinson,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Camp,	Isham,	Shores,
Calley,	Jenkins of Burke,	Simonds,
Chatwick,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Skinner,
Chamberlin,	Jennings,	Stanton,
Chase,	Johnson of Leicester,	Spaulding,
Cheney,	Johnson of Vernon,	Sprague,
Clark of Jay,	Joseelyn,	Stannard,
Clark of Stratford,	Kelley,	Stearns,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Kelton,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Coburn,	Kent,	Stoddard of Foultnay,
Crane of Bridport,	Kingsley,	Sturges,
Curtis,	Ladd,	Sullivanway,
Darling of Morristown,	Lazelle,	Taber,
Davis,	Lyiori,	Taylor of Morgan,
Dean,	McFar and,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Dewey,	McGregor,	Thornton,
Dickerman,	Mack,	Tilden,
Drake,	Macomber,	Titus of Lemington,
Eastman,	Martin of Chelsea,	Webb,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Morrissey,	Webster of Sudbury,
Eaton of Rochester,	Needham,	Wells,
Exres,	Nelson,	Wheeler,
Ellis,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Whitcher,
Evans,	Nichols,	Wilbur,
Everest,	Olmsted,	Wiley,
Fairbanks,	Pace of Cambridge,	Willis,
Farrington,	Parker of Reading,	Winchester,
Farwell,	Parsons,	Wright—137.
Fitch,	Patrick,	

So the passage of the bill was refused.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the possession of the House agreeably to their request a bill entitled

S. 34. An act repealing an act entitled "An act to amend chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled 'Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks.'"

Mr. Sprague of Brandon, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be requested to inquire whether some more efficient means may not be devised to tax deposits in Savings Banks, and to report by bill or otherwise;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 338. An act to amend section sixty-three, chapter one of the General Statutes ;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following substitute bill entitled

H. 376.—AN ACT IN RELATION TO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. If there shall be any vacancy in the office of an elector for president or vice-president of the United States at the time provided by law for the meeting and action of the electors, occasioned by death, refusal to act, neglect to attend, or in any other manner or for any other cause,—the other electors present shall immediately fill, by *viva voce* and plurality of votes, such vacancy in the electoral college; and when all the electors shall appear, or the vacancy therein shall have been filled, as before provided, such electors shall proceed,—at the State house in Montpelier on the day appointed by law—to perform the duties required of them by the constitution and laws

of the United States; and if any such vacancy shall occur and shall be filled as aforesaid, the electors shall attach to the certificate of their votes a statement showing how such vacancy occurred and their action thereon.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times and under the rule was

Ordered to lie, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the same, for the use of the General Assembly.

House bill entitled

H. 58. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, entitled "Common schools and school laws;"

Which was assigned as a special order for this morning, was taken up on motion of Mr. Barrett of Grafton, as unfinished business, and the Senate proposals of amendment were concurred in.

Mr. Adams, from the Select Committee to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 98. An act laying a tax on the County of Franklin;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following substitute bill entitled:

H. 323. AN ACT LAYING A TAX ON THE COUNTY OF
FRANKLIN.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. There is hereby assessed a tax of eight cents on the dollar of the polls and ratable estate in the several towns of the county of Franklin for the year A. D. 1877, for the purpose of completing and furnishing the Court House of said county.

SEC. 2. Victor Atwood, William H. Blake, and Henry Comings are hereby constituted and appointed commissioners for

the purpose of completing and furnishing said Court House, and are hereby authorized to expend for said purpose a sum not exceeding the amount to be raised by the tax aforesaid.

SEC. 3. The treasurer of said county is hereby directed, on or before the first day of June in the year A. D. 1877, to issue his warrants to the first constables, or collectors of the several towns of said county for the collection of the tax mentioned in the first section of this act, in the same manner as by law State taxes are required to be collected; and there shall be credited to said constables, in lieu of that provided by section sixty-four, chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes, one fortieth part of the sum named in said warrants, and said constables shall be accountable for so much of said fortieth part as shall not be allowed by way of abatements; and the selectmen of the several towns aforesaid shall make out and deliver to the first constables of their respective towns, in the month of June in the said year A. D. 1877, a tax bill for the collection of said tax in the same manner as is required by law in case of State taxes; and the said constables shall collect and pay to the treasurer of said county the amount of said tax for the year aforesaid, on or before the first day of September of said year.

SEC. 4. The commissioners aforesaid are hereby authorized to borrow money, not exceeding the sum to be realized from the tax aforesaid, and may pledge the credit of the county therefor,—to be expended by them for the sole purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

SEC. 5. There is hereby assessed a tax of eight cents on the dollar of the polls and ratable estate in the several towns of the county of Franklin for the year A. D. 1878, for the purpose of paying the present indebtedness of the county, incurred in erecting the Court House, exclusive of the claim for land conveyed to the county by redeemable lease from Bradley Barlow; and the selectmen and collectors of taxes in the several towns of the

county are hereby authorized and directed to proceed in all respects to levy and collect the tax assessed by this section in the same manner as is prescribed in the third section of this act ; and they shall cause the proceeds of said tax to be paid into the county treasury on or before the first day of September, A. D. 1878.

SEC. 6. C. H. Huntington and the auditor of Franklin County are hereby appointed auditors for the purpose of ascertaining the indebtedness named in the fifth section of this act, and they are hereby authorized to audit and allow all such bills now outstanding as shall appear to them to be legal claims against the county ; and they are further authorized to issue their orders on the treasurer in payment of said claims.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times and under the rule was

Ordered to lie, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies thereof, for the use of the General Assembly.

Bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first and second times and referred as follows :

By Mr. Evans of Moretown,

H. 378. An act for the protection of inmates of Insane Asylums ;

To the Committee on the Insane.

By Mr. Coolidge of Plymouth,

H. 379. An act to repeal an act in amendment of sections eight and nine of chapter one hundred and twenty of the General Statutes, relating to crimes and punishments, approved November 25, 1872, also an amendment of section seven of said chapter, approved November 20, 1874, and an act relating to crimes and punishments ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hotchkiss of Georgia,

H. 380. An act to change the name of Mary Edith Purdy ;
To the General Committee.

By Mr. Lynde of Marlboro,

H. 381. An act to repeal an act in relation to the grand list,
approved November 24, 1874 ;

To the Committee on the Grand List.

By Mr. Batchelder of Lincoln,

H. 382. An act in addition to chapter forty-nine of the
General Statutes, entitled " Wills ;"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Coolidge of Plymouth,

H. 383. An act in amendment of section eighty-one, chapter
fifteen of the General Statutes, relating to jurisdiction of constables ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Roscoe of New Haven,

H. 384. An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend
chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Martin, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred
the special message of the Governor relating to sanitary affairs,

Reported, recommending the passage of the following bill
entitled

H. 385. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
AND VITAL STATISTICS.

*It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of
Vermont :*

SEC. 1. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of
the Senate, shall appoint six persons, at least four of whom shall
be physicians, who shall constitute a Board of Health and Vital
Statistics for the State. The terms of office of the persons so
appointed shall be so arranged that the terms of two of them shall

expire at the end of every second year. Other vacancies so made shall be filled, by re-appointment or otherwise, by the same appointing power.

Sxc. 2. The board shall meet, immediately upon receiving notice of their appointment, at such time and place as the first named member of the board shall designate; shall organize by the election of a president, who shall be one of their number, and of a secretary, who shall be a physician, and if not one of their number by appointment shall by such election become a member *ex officio* of the board, and shall hold the office of secretary until another is elected.

Sxc. 3. The board shall take cognizance of the interests of life and health among the inhabitants of the State; shall make or cause to be made sanitary investigations in respect to the people; the causes of disease, and more especially of epidemics; the sources of mortality, and the effects of localities, employments, habits, conditions and circumstances of life on the public health; and shall gather information in respect to these matters, and all other kindred subjects which shall be committed to it, for diffusion among the people as they may deem best.

Sxc. 4. The board shall meet biennially, on the second Thursday of the session of the Legislature at Montpelier, and at such other times and places as, in the judgment of the board, the public health may require. The secretary shall be the executive officer of the board; shall superintend and perform the work prescribed in this act, and perform such other duties as the board shall direct. He shall deliver at least one public lecture on sanitary science and the laws of public health in each county in the State during each year; shall respond to the invitations of the local boards of health hereinafter provided for, in case of epidemics, contagious diseases, or other unusual sickness, by visiting the locality, or in such other way as may be deemed best; shall render the Secretary of State all necessary assistance in making up

the annual registration report of the State, and shall annually report to the Governor on or before the first day of August in each year, the investigations, discoveries and recommendations of the board, which report shall be printed and distributed in the same manner as other public documents of the State. For his services so rendered he shall receive such annual salary as the board shall determine, and the necessary expenses of his office, to be paid by the treasurer of the State, upon approval of the auditor of accounts. The other members of the board shall receive no compensation save their actual expenses while attending to the duties of the board, and the whole expense of the State Board for salary, including its secretary, shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars.

SEC. 5. The selectmen of each town, or the mayor and aldermen of each city in the State, shall constitute a board of health, *ex officio*, for each of the several towns and cities in the State, of which the first selectman of each town and the mayor of each city shall be chairman. They shall annually, on the second Tuesday of March of each year, complete their organization by the election of a secretary, who shall be a physician, and who shall be allowed such compensation from the town or city treasury as the local boards shall direct. The local boards shall act in conjunction with the State Board in carrying out the practical intent and operations of this act.

SEC. 6. The State Board, with the city and town boards of the locality concerned, shall have authority to promulgate such regulations for the better preservation of public health in contagious or epidemic diseases as they deem best; and any person or persons, or corporations, neglecting or refusing, after having been duly notified in writing, to comply with the requirements of such regulations, shall upon conviction thereof pay a fine for each and every such offense, to be recovered upon complaint of any grand juror of the several towns, before any justice of the peace compe-

tent to try the same, into the treasury of the State, not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times and under the rule

Ordered to lie, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies thereof, for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Peck of Ira moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused the third reading of Senate bill entitled

S. 34. An act repealing an act entitled an act to amend chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

Which motion was lost, yeas 60, nays 65.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted House bill entitled

H. 256. An act to pay Charles Morgan the sum therein named ;

Reported, recommending the passage of the bill as amended, and the third reading of the bill was refused.

Senate bill entitled

S. 10. An act relating to the grand list ;

Was read the first and second time and referred

To the Committee on the Grand List.

House bill entitled

H. 114. An act providing for mortgages of personal property ;

Which was assigned as a special order for this morning, was taken up as unfinished business, and on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock was again

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Tuesday at two and one-half o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Batchelder of Lincoln presented the petition of E. Purinton and forty others, citizens of the town of Lincoln, praying

for an amendment to section nine, of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker announced as the Special Committee to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 309. An act to annex the town of Concord to the County of Caledonia :

Mr. Safford of Westminster,

“ Nichols of Essex,

“ Newton of Mount Holly,

“ Houghton of Readsboro,

“ Patrick of Ludlow,

“ Hoyt of Craftsbury,

“ Page of Cambridge.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted of Townshend, the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 306. An act annexing that portion of the town of Fairhaven lying north of the Poultney river, to the State of New York ;

Reported in favor of its passage. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Tracy of South Hero it was

Ordered to lie.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 6. An act in amendment of section fifteen, chapter twenty of the General Statutes;

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following :

SEC. 1. The word transient wherever it occurs in sections fourteen and fifteen of chapter twenty of the General Statutes is stricken out.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

And that the title of said bill be amended by inserting in place of the word "section" the words *sections fourteen and* ;

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 236. An act enabling the proprietors and pew owners of the Congregational meeting-house in Bristol village, to dispose of the same.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. The proprietors and pew owners of the Congregational meeting-house in Bristol, in the county of Addison, are hereby authorized and empowered to make such disposition of said church and the site as a majority of the pew owners and proprietors shall direct at a meeting to be warned for that purpose, by the clerk of the Congregational society in said town of Bristol, by posting notices in three public places in said town, at least twelve days prior to said meeting, in the manner and subject to the restrictions herein contained.

SEC. 2. The meeting so called shall be organized by the election of a chairman to preside in said meeting, and a clerk who shall keep a true record of all the proceedings in said meeting; and at such meeting each owner of a pew or pews shall be entitled to one vote for each pew by him owned, and each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote for each one hundred dollars of stock owned by him in said meeting-house, and any proprietor or pew owner may be represented at such meeting by proxy legally constituted.

SEC. 3. If at such meeting, held pursuant to the provisions of this act, a majority of the pew owners and proprietors, representing a majority of the pews, shall decide to sell or otherwise dispose of such meeting-house and site, such meeting shall by vote fix a day which shall not be less than twelve nor more than eighteen days from the time of such meeting, on which day at ten o'clock in the forenoon, three appraisers, who shall be disinterested men, appointed by the selectmen of said town of Bristol, shall attend at such meeting-house, and after hearing the parties interested who may be present, shall appraise the pews or parts of pews of all such pew owners as shall not in writing have agreed to the disposition of said meeting-house in such way as the majority vote may have determined.

SEC. 4. Before selling or in any way disposing of said meeting-house, the pew owners assenting to such disposition shall deposit with the treasurer of said town of Bristol, the appraised value of all pews the owners of which shall not have given their assent in writing to such sale or disposition, to be paid by said treasurer to the parties entitled thereto on demand, without interest; and said treasurer shall be liable for the money so deposited with him to the several persons entitled thereto.

SEC. 5. If at such meeting it shall be determined to sell such meeting-house and site, a committee of three persons shall

be appointed at said meeting, who shall sell such meeting-house and site at private sale or public auction, as such meeting shall direct by vote, and whose deed shall be sufficient to convey the title of said proprietors and pew owners in said meeting-house and site to the purchaser thereof.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage.

And the House concurred therein.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 125. An act in amendment of an act entitled an act in amendment of and in addition to number sixty-three, entitled an act relating to liens reserved on personal property, approved November 21, 1872 ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended in section one by inserting after the word "sale," and before the word "without," in the seventh line thereof, the words *or mortgage* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 35. An act to pay Melvin F. Pike the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by filling the blank in section one with the words *thirteen and eighty-three one-hundredths* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Eayres, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 239. An act to pay John L. Moses and Willis W. Morton the sum therein named.

By Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 243. An act entitled an act to amend section twenty of an act entitled an act relating to insurance, approved November 24, 1874.

By Mr. Kelton, from the General Committee,

H. 221. An act to change the name of a certain person therein named.

By Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 294. An act to prevent over insurance on real property.

By Mr. Woodbridge, from the same Committee,

H. 301. An act in addition to chapter sixty-five of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the conveyance of real estate."

By Mr. White, from the Committee on State Prison,

H. 51. An act to amend section two, chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the General Statutes.

Mr. Lynde of Marlboro moved that the vote refusing the third reading of House bill entitled

H. 256. An act to pay Charles Morgan the sum therein named ;

Be reconsidered, which motion was agreed to,

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 138. An act granting powers to school districts and to school directors ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended in section two, in the second line thereof, by inserting between the words "incorporation," and "may," the words *at its annual meeting*, also by striking out the whole of section two ;

Which amendments were agreed to, and the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Knight of North Hero called up House bill entitled

H. 104. An act granting a ferry to Dyer Hill and Henry C. Hill;

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time?
On motion of Mr. Tracy of South Hero, it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Roscoe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 95. An act to pay E. N. Smith the sum therein named;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by filling the blank in section one, with the words *thirteen and eighty-four one-hundredths*;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Adams, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 208. An act to pay Calvin J. Weld the sum therein named;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by filling the blank in section one, with the words *twenty-seven and eighty-four one-hundredths*;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Colton, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 270. An act to pay John L. Tuttle the sum therein named;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out in the first section thereof, the words "sixty-five dollars and twenty cents," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *sixteen dollars and sixty cents*;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 287. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Troy for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out in the first section all after the figures " 1876," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *are legal and valid so far as said list is concerned* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 234. An act repealing an act approved November 12, A. D. 1874, entitled " An act in relation to the two parishes in the town of Westminster ;"

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by inserting between the title and the first section thereof, the words *It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont* .

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Blake, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 316. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Mount Holly for the year 1876 ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out the whole of the first section and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. The grand list of the town of Mt. Holly for the year 1876, as to all taxes assessed or to be assessed thereon, is so far as said list is concerned hereby declared legal and valid the same as though said list had been corrected within the time prescribed by law ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 145. An act to pay Clark Thompson the sum therein named ;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following substitute bill entitled

H. 386.—AN ACT DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK OF ORANGE COUNTY TO SURRENDER TO CLARK THOMPSON A NOTE GIVEN BY SAID THOMPSON AND WHITE FOR A FINE AND COSTS AGAINST SAID THOMPSON AND TO REMIT SAID FINE AND COSTS.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. The county clerk of Orange county is hereby directed to cancel and deliver to Clark Thompson a note given by said Thompson and one White for a fine and costs against said Thompson,—said note being dated January 6th, 1874,—for the sum of five hundred eighty-three dollars and twenty-six cents, with interest,—upon which three hundred dollars was indorsed March 4th, 1875 ;—and said fine and costs are hereby remitted.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times, and ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Wales, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 12. An act relating to trustee process ;

Reported adversely to its passage ; the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for this afternoon at two and one half o'clock.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 319. An act to abolish the office of Railroad Commissioner ;

Reported in favor of its passage :

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Titus of Vershire presented the remonstrance of Smith Ely and one hundred and fifty others, citizens of the town of Vershire, against the passage of House bill 177 ;

Which was referred

To the Select Committee on that subject.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 81. An act relating to fraudulent sales of personal property ;

S. 88. An act in amendment of section twenty-one, chapter twenty-eight of the General Statutes ;

S. 120. An act in amendment of " An act relating to private corporations by voluntary association," approved November 23, 1870 ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 129. An act concerning dogs and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House relating to the State Library, Cabinet and Historical Society ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles :

S. 26. An act repealing an act relating to reporters for the Senate, approved October 14, 1874.

S. 16. An act regulating appeals under chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, and the several acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

S. 44. An act to amend section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes of this State, relating to salaries and fees.

S. 54. An act in amendment of, and in addition to, an act entitled "An act to incorporate the West River Railroad Company," and all acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington called up House bill entitled

H. 331. An act relating to the officers and management of the State Prison;

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? Mr. Batchelder of Arlington moved to amend the fifth section thereof, in the ninth line, by adding after the word "also," the following words, *purchase all material which may be required for employing the prisoners, and;*

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Sprague of Brandon moved to further amend the bill by striking out in the first line of section one, line seven, the word "Governor," and insert the words "by the directors subject to the approval of the Governor."

Pending consideration of which Mr. Estey of Brattleboro demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit: Will the House agree to the proposed amendment? which was decided in the negative, yeas 33, nays 130.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Sprague, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Fitch,	Paul,
Abell of West Haven,	Follansby,	Romaine,
Brigham,	Foster,	Shaw,
Brookins,	Francis,	Skinner,
Coburn,	Houghton,	Sprague,
Darling of Worcester,	Hutchinson,	Tilden,
Dean,	Jennings,	Wales,
Katon of Danville,	McGregor,	Watts,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Macomber,	Webster of Cabot,
Hayres,	Martin of Chelsea,	Webster of Sudbury,
Evans,	Newton of St Albans,	Woodbridge-33.

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	Farrington,	Page of Groton,
Adams of Newbury,	Farwell,	Parker of Putney,
Andrew,	Ford,	Parker of Reading,
Bailey,	Franklin,	Parsons,
Barrett,	French,	Patrick,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Frizzell,	Pearl,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Gale,	Peck,
Birkett,	Gillett,	Perry,
Blake,	Gleason,	Pinney,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Hager,	Pitkin,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Hamilton,	Pollard,
Bourn,	Haynes,	Prindle,
Brown of Pawlet,	Hayward,	Prouty,
Brown of Waterford,	Hazelton,	Ranney of Athens,
Buchanan,	Binman,	Rood,
Bucklin,	Hodgkins,	Roscoe,
Burnap of Calais,	Hotchkiss,	Rose,
Burnap of Somerset,	Howard,	Safford,
Burt,	Howe of Springfield,	Sargent of Norwich,
Calderwood,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Celley,	Hoyt,	Savage,
Chase,	Jenkins of Burke,	Shores,
Cheney,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Simonds,
Clark of Jay,	Johnson of Leicester,	Spaulding,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Johnson of Vernon,	Stannard,
Clark of Strafford,	Josselyn,	Stearns,
Colton,	Kelley,	Sturgess,
Coolidge,	Kent,	Sturtevant,
Crandall,	Knight,	Sullivan,
Curtis,	Lazelle,	Swain,
Darling of Morristown,	Long,	Tabor,
Davis,	Lyford,	Taylor of Morgan,
Denny,	Lynde,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Dewey,	McFarland,	Titus of Lemington,
Dickerman,	Mack,	Titus of Vershire,
Dillingham,	Martin of Londonderry,	Tyler,
Drake,	Mason,	Uford,
Edwards,	Morrissey,	Wilbur,
Ellis,	Nelson,	Willie,
Erwin,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Willie,
Estey,	Nichols,	Winchester,
Fairbanks,	Olmsted,	Wright-130.
Farrand,	Page of Cambridge,	

So the House refused to concur in the proposed amendment.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time ?

On motion of Mr. Jennings of Hubbardton, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

House bill entitled

H. 376. An act relating to the election of presidential electors ;

Was taken up and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? Mr. Eaton of Danville moved that it be ordered to lie, which motion was lost, yeas 13, nays 111 ;

Whereupon on motion of Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes, the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

House bill entitled

H. 331. An act relating to the officers and management of the State Prison ;

Was taken up as unfinished business, and ordered to be read the third time next Tuesday morning.

Mr. Woodbridge moved to reconsider the vote ordering to be read the third time next Monday morning, House bill entitled

H. 376. An act relating to the election of presidential electors ;

Which was carried, and on motion of Mr. Woodbridge, the bill was ordered to be read the third time, at this time, which was done, and the question being, Shall the bill pass ? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 129, nays 20.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Eaton of Danville, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,
Abell of West Haven,
Adams of Enosburgh,
Adams of Newbury,
Andrew,
Barrett,
Batchelder of Arlington,

Birkett,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,
Bourn,
Braley,
Brookins,
Brown of Pawlet,
Brown of Waterford,

Buchanan,
Bucklin,
Burbank,
Burnap of Oslais,
Burnap of Somerset,
Burt,
Chase,

Ohercy,	Hoyt,	Ranney of Athens,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Hutchinson,	Reed,
Clark of Strafford,	Jenkins of Burke,	Romaine,
Coburn,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Rood,
Colvin,	Johnson of Leicester,	Roscoe,
Coolidge,	Johnson of Vernon,	Rose,
Darling of Worcester,	Johnston,	Sabin,
Davis,	Kelley,	Safford,
Denny,	Kent,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Dewey,	Knight,	Savage,
Dickerman,	Ladd,	Shores,
Dillingham,	Lazelle,	Simonds,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Long,	Skels,
Eayres,	Lyford,	Skinner,
Ellis,	Lynde,	Spaulding,
Erwin,	McFarland,	Sprague,
Estey,	Mack,	Stannard,
Fairbanks,	Macomber,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Farrand,	Martin of Chelsea,	Sturgess,
Farrington,	Martin of Londonderry,	Sturtevant,
Ford,	Mason,	Swain,
Foster,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Tabor,
Franklin,	Newton of St. Albans,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Freeman,	Nichols,	Titus of Lemington,
Gale,	Olmsted,	Uford,
Gillett,	Page of Cambridge,	Walce,
Gleason,	Page of Groton,	Watts,
Hager,	Parker of Putney,	Webb,
Hamilton,	Parker of Reading,	Webster of Cabot,
Hayward,	Parsons,	Wells,
Hazleton,	Paul,	Wilbur,
Hinman,	Pearl,	Willey,
Hopkins,	Peck,	Willis,
Hotchkiss,	Perry,	Winchester,
Howe of Springfield,	Prindle,	Woodbridge,
Howe of Tunbridge,	Frouty,	Wright—129.

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Bliss,	Francis,	Sargent of Norwich,
Brigham,	Hodgkins,	Tilden,
Drake,	Houghton,	Titus of Vershire,
Eaton of Danville,	Howard,	Townsend,
Evans,	Jennings,	Tracy,
Farwell,	Josselyn,	Webster of Sudbury—20.
Follansby,	McGregor,	

So the bill passed.

Mr. Newton of St. Albans offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in joint assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, November 21, 1876, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, to elect a State Superintendent of Education ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

House bill entitled

H. 12. An act relating to trustee process ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (two and one half o'clock) ; the question being, Shall the bill be read the third

time ? Mr. Martin of Londonderry moved to amend it by striking out the whole of section three, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

Sec. 3. The disclosure of any trustee contemplated in this act shall not be thereafter used as evidence against him in any criminal cause ;

Which was agreed to.

Pending consideration of the question, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Martin, the bill was recommitted

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Spaulding, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 98. An act in amendment of an act relating to the division of the property of school districts, approved November 27, 1872 ;
Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon, the bill was ordered to be read the third time Monday morning.

House bill entitled

H. 226. An act establishing the office of an Attorney General, defining his duties and the duties of other officers with reference thereto ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass ? Mr. Lynde of Marlboro moved that it be ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Tuesday morning at half past ten o'clock ;

Which was lost.

The question recurring, Shall the bill pass ? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 122, nays 29.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Evans of Moretown, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Foster,	Prindle,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Franklin,	Prouty,
Andrew,	Freeman,	Ranney of Athens,
Bailey,	Gale,	Romaine,
Barnum,	Gleason,	Rood,
Barrett,	Hager,	Roscoe,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Hamilton,	Rose,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Hayward,	Sabin,
Birkett,	Hazelton,	Safford,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Hinman,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Bourn,	Houghton,	Savage,
Braley,	Howe of Springfield,	Shaw,
Brookins,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Shores,
Brown of Pawlet,	Hoyt,	Skinner,
Brown of Waterford,	Jenkins of Burke,	Spaulding,
Bucklin,	Jenkins of East Haven,	SPARKS,
Burbank,	Jennings,	Sprague,
Burt,	Johnson of Leicester,	Stannard,
Cailey,	Johnston,	Stearns,
Chase,	Kelley,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Cheney,	Knight,	Sturges,
Clark of Jay,	Lazelle,	Sturtevant,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Long,	Swain,
Coburn,	McFarland,	Tabor,
Colvin,	Macomber,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Coolidge,	Martin of Chelsea,	Titus of Lemington,
Davis,	Martin of Londonderry,	Townsend,
Denny,	Mason,	Uford,
Dewoy,	Morrissey,	Wales,
Dickerman,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Watts,
Dillingham,	Newton of St. Albans,	Webb,
Eaton of Danville,	Nichols,	Webster of Cabot,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Olmsted,	Wells,
Eayres,	Page of Cambridge,	Wilbur,
Ellis,	Page of Groton,	Willey,
Erwin,	Parker of Putney,	Willis,
Fairbanks,	Parsons,	Winchester,
Farrand,	Pearl,	Woodbridge,
Farrington,	Peck,	Wright—123.
Farwell,	Perry,	
Ford,	Pinney,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,	Haynes,	Paul,
Bliss,	Hodgkins,	Reed,
Brigham,	Hotchkiss,	Sargent of Norwich,
Clark of Stratford,	Howard,	Simonds,
Drake,	Hutchinson,	Skeels,
Eatey,	Josselyn,	Tilden,
Evans,	Kent,	Titus of Vershire,
Follansby,	Lynde,	Tracy,
Francis,	McGregor,	Webster of Sudbury—29.
Gillett,	Mack,	

So the bill passed.

House bill entitled

H. 10. An act entitled an act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office, approved November 26, 1872 ;

Was read the third time and passed.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

S. 81. An act relating to fraudulent sales of personal property ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 88. An act in amendment of section twenty-one of chapter twenty-eight of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on Railroads.

S. 120. An act in amendment of an act relating to private corporations by voluntary association, approved November 23, 1870 ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 187. An act to abate and suppress nuisances ;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following substitute bill entitled

H 887. AN ACT TO ABATE AND SUPPRESS NUISANCES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. Every saloon, restaurant, shop, grocery, billiard room, drinking room or bar room where intoxicating liquors or malt liquors are kept for sale or gift contrary to law, and is a place of public resort, shall be held and regarded as a common nuisance, and may be abated and closed, and the owner or keeper of the same may be prosecuted in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. The State's attorney or town grand juror shall make complaint in writing to some justice of the peace of the same county against the owner or keeper of such place of public resort, setting forth and describing such place, and that intoxicating or malt liquors are kept therein for sale or gift contrary to law, and that such place is a common nuisance ; and thereupon said justice shall issue his warrant for the arrest of such person, who shall be brought before said justice to answer to said complaint, and have a trial and appeal, in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 3. If upon such trial it be proved that such place is a place of public resort, and that intoxicating or malt liquors are kept therein for sale or gift contrary to law, the court shall adjudge such place a common nuisance, and shall adjudge and order that such nuisance be abated by shutting up the same, and that such owner or keeper pay a fine of twenty dollars to the treasurer of the State and costs of prosecution.

SEC. 4. If such fine and costs are not paid, said justice shall issue his mittimus against such person in the usual form.

Said justice shall also issue his order in form substantially as follows:

STATE OF VERMONT, }
County, ss. }

To any Sheriff or Constable in the State—Greeting :

WHEREAS, A—— B—— of
was, on the day of
A. D. 18— before the undersigned, a justice of the peace, convicted of keeping a common public nuisance in [describe the place] in the town of county of
and it was adjudged and ordered that such nuisance be abated.—
Wherefore,

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, You are hereby commanded to cause said public nuisance to be abated by shutting up the same, upon giving the said A—— B—— reasonable notice to remove whatever goods and effects he may have therein ; and upon shutting up such place of public resort you will post upon the door or main entrance to the same a notice in words as follows :—

“Closed by order of C—— D——, justice of the peace,”
and sign the same in your official capacity.

Hereof fail not, and due return make.

Given under my hand this
day of A. D.

C—— D——
Justice of the Peace.

SEC. 5. Such place so adjudged to be a common nuisance and closed in the manner provided for in this act shall not again be opened by such owner or keeper until he file a bond with the justice making such order to the treasurer of the State with sufficient surety or sureties, to the satisfaction of said justice, in the sum of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, conditioned that intoxicating liquors or malt liquors shall not thereafter be kept in such place for sale or gift contrary to law; and upon giving such bond, said place may be re-opened by such owner or keeper. If said owner or keeper shall thereafter keep or suffer or permit to be kept intoxicating liquors or malt liquors in such place for sale or gift contrary to law, he shall forfeit and pay the full amount of said bond.

SEC. 6. In case of appeal as provided for in the second section of this act such person shall become recognized before such justice, to the treasurer of the State, with sufficient surety or sureties, in a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars nor less than two hundred dollars, to prosecute his appeal to effect;—and in case of failure to prosecute said appeal to effect such person shall forfeit and pay the full amount of such recognizance.

Which was read the first and second times, and under the rule was

Ordered to lie and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Hotchkiss, from the Committee on Education. to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 100. An act to extend the benefits of common schools;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 276. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Deerfield River Railroad Company ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by adding at the end of line two, in section one, the words : " approved November 24, 1874 ; "

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Sprague of Brandon offered the following resolution ;

Resolved, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire whether the interest upon the agricultural fund, now paid to the University of Vermont, is appropriated in accordance with the spirit of the grant, and whether further legislation is not necessary upon the subject, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Martin of Chelsea moved that the House now adjourn, which motion was lost.

Mr. Estey of Brattleboro, presented the remonstrance of T. J. B. Cudworth, and eighty one others, citizens of the town of Brattleboro, against the passage of House bill entitled

H. 307. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act entitled " An act to incorporate the village of Brattleboro, " approved October 29, 1872, and of the several amendments thereof, heretofore enacted ;

Which was referred

To the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Eator of Danville moved that the House now adjourn, which motion was lost, yeas 56, nays 61.

House bill entitled

H. 271. An act to amend chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled of the grand list ;

Which was assigned as a special order for yesterday afternoon, was taken up as unfinished business ; the question being, Shall

the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Celley of Fairlee, it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Tuesday morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Sabin of Montpelier, the House adjourned.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Senate bill entitled

S. 100. An act to extend the benefits of common schools;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Macomber of Westford moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill by striking out the word "adjoining," wherever it occurs, and insert in lieu thereof the word *neighboring*;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Erwin of Newport proposed to recommend to the Senate to further amend, in the fourth line of section one, by striking out the word "and," and inserting in lieu thereof a;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Clark of Stockbridge moved to propose a further amendment by inserting after the word "register," in the third line of section two, the words *to be provided by said first mentioned district*;

Which was disagreed to.

The question recurring, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 108, nays 21.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr Abell of West Haven, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	Gillett,	Parker of Reading,
Adams of Newbury,	Gleason,	Parsons,
Andrew,	Hager,	Patrick,
Bailey,	Hamilton,	Pearl,
Barrett,	Haynes,	Perry,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Hazelton,	Pinney,
Bourn,	Hinman,	Ranney of Athens,
Braley,	Hodgkins,	Reed,
Brigham,	Hopkins,	Rood,
Brookins,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Roscoe,
Brown of Pawlet,	Hoyt,	Sabin,
Brown of Waterford,	Hutchinson,	Safford,
Buchanan,	Jenkins of Burke,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Bucklin,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Savage,
Burbank,	Johnson of Leicester,	Shaw,
Burt,	Johnson of Vernon,	Shores,
Celley,	Johnston,	Simonds,
Chase,	Josselyn,	Spaulding,
Cheney,	Kelley,	Stannard,
Clark of Stockbridge,	London,	Stearns,
Clark of Stratford,	Lazelle,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Cooledge,	Long,	Sturges,
Davis,	Lynde,	Swain,
Dillingham,	McFarland,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Eaton of Danville,	Black,	Titus of Lemington,
Eayres,	Macomber,	Tyler,
Ellis,	Martin of Chelsea,	Uford,
Erwin,	Martin of Londonderry,	Wales,
Fairbanks,	Mason,	Watts,
Farrand,	Morrissey,	Webb,
Farrington,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Wells,
Follansby,	Newton of St. Albans,	Wilbur,
Ford,	Nichols,	Willey,
Franklin,	Olmsted,	Willis,
Freeman,	Page of Cambridge,	Winchester,
Gale,	Parker of Putney,	Wright—108.

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,	Farwell,	Page of Groton,
Beers,	Foster,	Paul,
Birkett,	Francis,	Romaine,
Bliss,	Howard,	Rose,
Clark of Jay,	Kent,	Tabor,
Drake,	Knight,	Titus of Verahire,
Evans,	Lengfeld,	Tracy—21.

So the bill passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Senate bill entitled

S. 98. An act in amendment of an act relating to the division of the property of school districts, approved November 27, 1872 ;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed :

H. 125. An act in amendment of an act entitled an act in amendment of, and in addition to number sixty-three, entitled an act relating to liens reserved on property sold, approved November 21, 1872.

H. 138. An act granting powers to school districts and school directors.

H. 319. An act to abolish the office of Railroad Commissioner.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second time and referred as follows :

S. 96. An act to pay Samuel Burbank the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

S. 128. An act amending an act entitled an act incorporating Middlebury village, approved November 24, 1874 ;

To the Committee on Corporations.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 96. An act to pay Samuel Burbank the sum therein named.

S. 128. An act amending an act incorporating Middlebury village, approved November 24, 1874.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House providing for a Joint Assembly ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bills entitled

H. 161. An act to pay the town of Fairlee, the sum therein named.

H. 206. An act to pay Jeremiah O'Brien the sum therein named.

H. 261. An act to restore William Williams to his legal rights and privileges.

H. 262. An act to pay J. C. Williams the sum therein named.

H. 302. An act to pay M. Quinn the sum therein named ;
And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 219. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act approved November 19, 1866, relating to fees of sheriffs and constables ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry presented the petition of David Arnold and others, citizens of the town of Londonderry, praying for the passage of House bill 177, which was referred to the Select Committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

House bill entitled

H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay the expenses of the Reform School ;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry. The question being, Will the House agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro ? on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea the bill was recommitted

To the Committee on the Reform School.

Mr. Erwin of Newport offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives is hereby granted to Dr. M. Goldsmith of Rutland, on Tuesday evening November 21, at seven and one-half o'clock, for the purpose of delivering an address on sanitary affairs ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Hutchinson, from the Committee on Land Taxes, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 242. An act laying a tax on the grand list of Avery's Gore in the county of Franklin;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended in the following manner :

First, That the title be amended by adding after the words "grand list of," the words *and the real estate in* ;

Second, That the blank in section one be filled with the words *two hundred* ;

Third, That the blank in section two be filled with the words *Delphus Gates* ;

Fourth, By adding at the close of section three the words,

" and said collector shall pay to said committee one-half of the amount of said tax bill by January 1, 1877, and the balance by June 1, 1877.

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 325. An act relating to bonding of towns for the building of railroads ;

Reported adversely to its passage ; the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Adams of Enosburgh it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Wales, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 69. An act in amendment of section two of chapter fifty of the General Statutes, relating to letters testamentary and other proceedings on the probate of wills ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out the first section of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. If the executor shall be residuary legatee, instead of the bond provided in section two of said chapter he may give a bond in such sum and with such sureties as the court may direct, with a condition only to pay the debts and legacies of the testator, and in such case he shall not be required to return an inventory. And if the testator in his will directs that no bond or only the individual bond of the executor be required instead of the bond provided in section two of said chapter, he may give his individual bond as directed in said will, but he shall also give a bond in such sum and with such sureties as the court shall require, with a condition only to pay the debts of the

testator, but the court may require of the executor such further bond at any time as the court shall deem proper, in case of a subsequent change in the circumstances of the executor, and for other sufficient cause.

Pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. Wales the bill was recommitted

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill entitled

H. 386. An act directing the county clerk of Orange county to surrender to Clark Thompson a note given by said Thompson and ——— White, for a fine and costs against said Thompson, and to remit said fine and costs ;

Was taken up as unfinished business, read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 331. An act relating to the officers and management of the State Prison ;

Was read the third time. The question being, Shall the bill pass ? on motion of Mr. Parker the bill was committed to a member to amend by inserting in the blank as salary of the Chaplain, the words *four hundred and fifty dollars*.

On motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington the bill was recommitted to a member to further amend by striking out in the fourth division of section six the words "and employing," also by striking out after the blank for the salary of the superintendent the words "and all necessary traveling expenses while on the duties of his office."

On motion of Mr. Parker of Reading the bill was committed to a member to further amend by filling the blank for the salary of the superintendent with the words *twelve hundred dollars*.

Which amendments were made by the Clerk and the bill as amended was passed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered joint resolution from the House granting the Hall of Representatives to Dr. M. Goldsmith ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 59. An act in amendment of section two of chapter seventy-seven of the General Statutes, entitled " Of standard weight of grain, etc.," and in addition to said chapter.

S. 61. An act to amend section nine of chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes, entitled " Of collection of taxes."

S. 108. An act amending section fourteen of chapter eighteen of the General Statutes, on enlargement of burial grounds.

S. 111. An act in addition to an act approved November 21, 1870, authorizing an engraved testimonial to Vermont soldiers.

S. 119. An act in amendment of section seven of chapter one hundred and twenty of the General Statutes, relating to crimes and punishments and for other purposes.

S. 114. An act to amend section ninety-one, chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, relating to town histories.

S. 118. An act in construction of an act entitled " An act in amendment of section seventeen of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes, relating to fees of members of the General Assembly," approved November 19, 1866.

In the passage of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 216. An act to restore John B. Persons to his legal rights and privileges.

H. 241. An act to amend an act approved November 6, 1857.

H. 244. An act relating to division of public money among school districts where the amount is twelve hundred dollars or more.

H. 376. An act in relation to presidential electors ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill entitled

S. 100. An act to extend the benefits of common schools ;
And have concurred in the adoption of the same.

House bill entitled

H. 271. An act to amend chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the grand list ;"

Was taken up as a special order, at this hour (ten and one half o'clock), and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second time and referred, as follows :

S. 59. An act in amendment of section two of chapter seventy-seven of the General Statutes, entitled "Of standard weight of grain, etc.," and in addition to said chapter ;

To the General Committee.

S. 61. An act to amend section nine, of chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of collection of taxes ;"

To the Committee on the Grand List.

S. 108. An act amending section fourteen of chapter eighteen of the General Statutes, entitled "On enlargement of burial grounds ;"

To the General Committee.

S. 111. An act in addition to an act approved November 21, 1870, authorizing an engraved testimonial to Vermont soldiers ;

To the Committee on Military Affairs.

S. 114. An act to amend section nine, chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, relating to town histories ;

To the Committee on Education.

S. 118. An act in construction of an act entitled an act in amendment of section seventeen, of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes, relating to fees of members of the General Assembly, approved November 19, 1866 ;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. 119. An act in amendment of section seven, of chapter one hundred and twenty of the General Statutes, relating to crimes and punishments, and for other purposes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 10. An act relating to the grand list :

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Knight, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 76. An act in amendment of sections nineteen and fifty, of chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes ;

Reported adversely to its passage, whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 146. An act entitled an act to pay the town of Pawlet the sum therein named ;

Reported adversely to its passage. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Brown of Pawlet, it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Roscoe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 106. An act to appropriate a sum of money to pay for the preparation and publication of a Digest of the Reports of the Supreme Court of this State, for the use of the State ;

Submitted the following special report :

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill 106, respectfully report that they have considered the same and submit to the House the following facts: The Legislature at its session of 1868, adopted the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Judges of the Supreme Court and the State Librarian be, and they hereby are authorized to contract, in behalf of the State, with some competent person for the preparation and publication of a Digest of the reports of the Supreme Court of the State for the use of the State.

And that in pursuance of said resolution Mr. Roberts had several interviews with the Judges of the Supreme Court, and Mr. Charles Reed, then State Librarian, in relation to his preparing and publishing said Digest. In July, 1871, Mr. Reed wrote Mr. Roberts requesting him to make proposals, stating that the Court would make no other contract than one to pay a gross sum for four hundred copies of the Digest delivered to the State, and suggested the sum of four thousand dollars, at which he thought he would get the contract. Mr. Roberts replied, August 1st, 1871, that he had carefully considered the matter and was not ready to undertake the work for less than six thousand dollars. He received no reply to this letter.

At the next general term of the Supreme Court at Montpelier, the matter was further considered by Mr. Reed and the Supreme Court, and Mr. Reed was instructed by the Court to close the trade on the terms given by Mr. Roberts, in his letter of August 1st, 1871, which he did. No written contract was made, and the only evidence that Mr. Roberts has of the trade, is an entry in his pocket diary, dated November 17, 1871. It is understood

by your Committee that said Digest is now nearly ready for publication, and that said Roberts has received nothing for the same. Your Committee recommend that section one be amended by adding after the word "Treasurer," in the third line of said section, the words *in favor of Daniel Roberts*, and by adding after the last word in said section, the following :

"Provided that said order shall not be delivered to said Roberts, until said Digest shall be completed in accordance with said contract, and four hundred copies thereof delivered to the State Librarian, and accepted by the Librarian and Judges of the Supreme Court."

And when so amended your Committee recommend the passage of the bill.

A. M. ROSCOE,
For Committee.

Whereupon the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the committee, and the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Wright, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 214. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Barre ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, in section one, by striking out all after "1876," and inserting in lieu thereof: "are hereby declared legal and valid. Provided this act shall not have the effect to legalize the list of any person or party, now having a suit or suits at law, now commenced or pending, based on the alleged illegality of either of said lists ;"

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 377. An act laying a tax on the county of Franklin ;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Adams of Enosburgh, read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 323. An act relating to the grand list ;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Wales of Burlington, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 89. An act to establish Courts of Insolvency, and to provide for the equal distribution of the effects of insolvent debtors ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

House bill entitled

H. 2. An act to amend section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled, "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;"

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry ;

Pending consideration of the first amendment proposed by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Moretown the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Senate bill entitled

S. 89. An act to establish Courts of Insolvency and to provide for the equal distribution of the effects of insolvent debtors ;

Was read the first and second time and referred

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning :

By Mr. Erwin, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries,

H. 352. An act in amendment of an act approved November 24, 1874, entitled "An act regulating the capture of fish and game."

By Mr. Calderwood, from the Committee on Education,

S. 74. An act to amend sections one and four of an act entitled "An act relating to the town and district systems of schools," approved November 26, 1872.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have adopted on their part a joint resolution granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to Col. Albert Clarke ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 18. An act to authorize the proprietors of Saxton's River Meeting-House, or the Saxton's River Meeting-House Society, to sell and convey to school district number ten, in Rocking-

ham, and six in Westminster, their remaining interest in the Saxton's River Village Meeting-House.

H. 208. An act to pay Calvin J. Weld the sum therein named.

H. 35. An act to pay Melvin F. Pike the sum therein named.

H. 138. An act granting powers to school districts and to school directors ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

House bill entitled

H. 2. An act to amend section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;"

Was taken up as unfinished business. The question being, Will the House agree to the first amendment proposed by the committee? it was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 113 ; nays, 100.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Peck of Ira, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Dickerman,	Henry,
Abell of West Haven,	Dillingham,	Hopkins,
Adams of Newbury,	Drake,	Houghton,
Aldrich,	Du Bois,	Howard,
Alexander,	Eaton of Danville,	Howe of Springfield,
Andrew,	Ellis,	Howe of Tunbridge,
Bartlett,	Evans,	Huling,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Everest,	Hutchinson,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Fairbanks,	Jennings,
Birkett,	Farrand,	Johnson of Leicester,
Bliss,	Farrington,	Johnston,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Farwell,	Josselyn,
Bourn,	Fitch,	Kelton,
Boynton,	Follanshy,	Kent,
Braley,	Ford,	Kingsley,
Briggs,	Foster,	Landon,
Brigham,	Francis,	Longfield,
Brookins,	Freeman,	Lindsay,
Brown of Goshen,	French,	Lyford,
Brown of Pawlet,	Frizzell,	McGregor,
Burnap of Somerset,	Gillet,	Black,
Celley,	Goodrich,	Macomber,
Chadwick,	Hager,	Martin of Londonderry,
Chase,	Hamilton,	Morrissey,
Cheney,	Hapgood,	Nelson,
Crane of Bridport,	Haynes,	Newton of St. Albans,
Davis,	Hayward,	Parker of Putney,
Dean,	Hazleton,	Peake,
Denny,	Hemenway,	Pearl,

Perry,
Ranger,
Ranney of Athens,
Ranney of Pittsfield,
Reed,
Romaine,
Rose,
Rowland,
Sabin,
Safford,
Sargent of Norwich,

Sheldon of Rupert,
Shores,
Skeels,
Slayton,
Spear,
Sprague,
Sturtevant,
Swain,
Templeton,
Tilden,
Titus of Vershire,

Townshend,
Tracy,
Tyler,
Wales,
Watts,
Webb,
Webster of Franklin,
Webster of Sudbury,
Wheeler,
Woodbridge—118.

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,
Barnum,
Barrett,
Beers,
Blake,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,
Brown of Waterford,
Buchanan,
Bucklin,
Burbank,
Burnap of Calais,
Burt,
Bushnell,
Calderwood,
Camp,
Chamberlin,
Clark of Jay,
Clark of Stockbridge,
Clark of Strafford,
Coburn,
Colton,
Colvin,
Coolidge,
Orandall,
Cummings,
Curtis,
Darling of Morristown,
Dewey,
Eaton of Middlesex,
Eayres,
Erwin,
Estey,
Franklin,

Fuller,
Gale,
Gleason,
Guernsey,
Hinman,
Hoyt,
Isham,
Jackman,
Jenkins of Burke,
Jenkins of East Haven,
Kelley,
Knight,
Ladd,
Lincoln,
Long,
Lynde,
Martin of Chelsea,
Mason,
Needham,
Newton of Mount Holly,
Nichols,
Olmsted,
Page of Cambridge,
Page of Groton,
Parker of Reading,
Parsons,
Patrick,
Paul,
Peck,
Pinney,
Pitkin,
Pollard,
Potter,

Prindle,
Prouty,
Randall,
Richardson,
Rood,
Roscoe,
Russell,
Sargent of Wilmington,
Savage,
Shaw,
Sheldon of Rutland,
Sherwood,
Simonds,
Skinner,
Stearns,
Stannard,
Stoddard of Fayston,
Sturgesa,
Tabor,
Taylor of Sherburne,
Thornton,
Titus of Lemington,
Uford,
Webster of Cabot,
Wells,
Whiticher,
Wilbur,
Willey,
Willis,
Winchester,
Wright—100.

So the House agreed to the amendment.

The question now being, Will the House agree to the second amendment proposed by the committee? it was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 101; nays, 98.

The question now being, Will the House agree to the third amendment proposed by the committee? it was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

The hour for the Joint Assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The Joint Assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

House bill entitled

H. 114. An act providing for mortgages of personal property ;

Was taken up at this hour (two and one half o'clock,) as a special order. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? Mr. French of Woodstock moved that it be

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

Which motion was lost ;

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Alexander of Guilford, the bill was dismissed.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Special Committee on Jails and Work-houses, on Wednesday evening, November 22d, at which time said committee will be addressed by the Honorable Albert Clarke of St. Albans ;

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and their third reading ordered for to-morrow morning.

By Mr. Lynde, from the Committee on Ways and Means,

S. 118. An act in construction of an act entitled an act in amendment of section seventeen of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes, relating to fees of members of the General Assembly, approved November 19, 1866.

By Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the State Prison,

S. 93. An act providing for the labor of prisoners for safe keeping ;

By Mr. Watts, from the Committee on Agriculture,

H. 350. An act relating to the standard measure for milk.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Sheldon, from the Committee on Military Affairs,

H. 273. An act to refund commutation money paid by drafted men.

By Mr. Lynde, from the Committee on Ways and Means,

H. 303. An act establishing the salaries of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 204. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Barton, approved November 21, 1874 ;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following substitute bill entitled

H. 388. AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF BARTON, APPROVED NOVEMBER 21, 1874.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. All that part of Barton, in the county of Orleans, enclosed within the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at the most easterly pine tree at the outlet of Crystal Lake ; thence running northerly across the highway straight to the southeast corner of T. C. Cobb's mowing land, near Dr. J. F. Skinner's orchard ; thence northwesterly along said Cobb's southwest line to the northwest corner of land belonging to Mrs. Widow Pierce ; thence southerly along the west line of the said Widow Pierce's land, to include all of her building lot to the east side of the highway on High Street ; thence along the east side of said highway to a point opposite to the northeast corner of land owned by F. A. Belknap ; thence across the highway and along the north side of

said Belknap's land to the R. S. Twombly lot ; thence along the north side of said lot to the and to include the J. L. Twombly lot to the railroad ; thence along the east side of the railroad to a point west of an elm tree standing near the foot of the clay hill, west of the Foster hotel ; thence from said point on the railroad on a straight line across said railroad, and land belonging to J. G. and J. W. Hall to said elm tree ; thence across the highway to land owned by J. G. Hall ; thence southeasterly along said highway to land owned by E. E. Foster ; thence along said Foster's north line to the river ; thence across the river to the northeast corner of the Benton lot ; thence along the north line of said Benton lot to the northeast corner of R. B. Skinner's five acre lot ; thence west along the north line of said lot to J. B. Freeman's lot ; thence along the north line of said Freeman's lot to land owned by Julius Rice ; thence south on the west side of said Freeman's lot to the highway ; thence east on the line of the highway to a point opposite to the northwest corner of said Freeman's house lot ; thence south and east around said lot to the southwest corner of J. K. Drew's lot ; thence across the south line of said lot to W. H. Martin's northeast corner ; thence south on the east line of said Martin's land to the Fair Ground ; thence east on the north line of said Fair Ground, and W. C. Brown's land to Barton river ; thence across the river to land owned by James Lewis ; thence along the west side of said Lewis' land to the W. C. Brown bridge ; thence east across the highway to land owned by B. F. Peterson ; thence north on said Peterson's line to the southwest corner of land owned by J. J. Hill ; thence east on said Hill's land to land owned by G. W. Bridgman ; thence around the west and south sides of said Bridgman's pasture lot to land owned by W. O. Brown ; thence along said Brown's northwest line to the cemetery ; thence around the west and south sides of the cemetery to the southeast corner of the same ; thence in a straight line to the first mentioned bound—shall hereafter be known by the name

of the village of Barton, and by that name may have perpetual succession and be capable of suing and being sued, may prosecute and defend in any court, may have a common seal and the same alter at pleasure, and shall be capable of purchasing, holding and conveying real and personal estate for the use of said village, and may at any annual or special meeting warned for that purpose as herein provided, lay a tax upon the polls of the inhabitants and the ratable estate within the same, whether residents or non-residents, for any of the purposes herein mentioned, and the trustees shall make out a rate-bill accordingly, and deliver the same to the collector, who shall have the same power to collect such tax as the collector of town taxes, and may in like manner levy on and sell property to satisfy the same, and for want thereof may commit any person to jail against whom he has such a tax.

SEC. 2. Section nine of the same act is amended to read as follows :

“ All the territory embraced within the limits of said village is hereby constituted a highway district of the town of Barton, and all the highway taxes assessed upon the polls and ratable estate therein shall be paid in money, and the selectmen of the town of Barton shall make out a tax-bill therefor and deliver the same seasonably, as required by law, with a warrant for its collection, to the collector of said village, who shall pay the said taxes into the village treasury to be expended under the direction of the trustees in building, sustaining and repairing of streets, roads, walks, alleys, and sidewalks in said village, and no surveyor of highways for said highway district shall be required to be chosen by said town.”

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times and under the rule

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 225. An act to incorporate the Dime Savings Bank of Cavendish ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out in the fourth line of section four, the word "three," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *five* ;

Also by striking out in the same line, the word "six," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *nine* ;

Also by inserting in the second line of section eight, after the word "report," the words *to the trustees* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 278. An act to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association ;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury, and on his motion

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

House bill entitled

H. 332. An act relating to the Reform School ;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Sprague of Brandon, and on his motion

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for next Thursday morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

Mr. Andrew of Brighton presented the petition of J. B. Howard and others, praying for the passage of House bill entitled H. 177 ;

Which was referred

To the special Committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted of Townshend the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures by the Chaplain and prayer by Rev. H. A. Spencer of St. Albans.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence :

S. 74. An act to amend sections one and four of an act entitled, "An act relating to the town and district systems of schools," approved November 26, 1872.

S. 118. An act in construction of an act entitled an act in amendment of section seventeen of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the General Statutes, relating to fees of members of the General Assembly, approved November 19, 1866.

Senate bill entitled

S. 93. An act providing for the labor of prisoners for safe keeping ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? on motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington, the House proposed to the Senate to amend the bill by adding in line two of section one after the word "keeping," the words *while prosecution is pending against him*.

Whereupon the bill was passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

House bill entitled

H. 2. An act entitled an act in amendment of section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;"

Was read the third time. The question being, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 169, nays 36.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Randall of Hyde Park, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Farrand,	Peck,
Abell of West Haven,	Farwell,	Perry,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Fitch,	Pinney,
Adams of Newbury,	Ford,	Pitkin,
Alexander,	Franklin,	Pollard,
Andrew,	Frizzell,	Potter,
Barnum,	Gale,	Prindle,
Barrett,	Gleason,	Prouty,
Bartlett,	Goodrich,	Ranger,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Guernsey,	Ranny of Athens,
Birkett,	Hamilton,	Ranny of Pittsfield,
Blake,	Hapgood,	Richardson,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Haynes,	Romaine,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Hayward,	Rood,
Bourn,	Hazleton,	Roscoe,
Braley,	Hinman,	Rose,
Briggs,	Hopkins,	Rowland,
Brookins,	Howe of Springfield,	Russell,
Brown of Goshen,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Safford,
Brown of Pawlet,	Hoyt,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Brown of Waterford,	Huling,	Savage,
Buchanan,	Jackman,	Schaw,
Bucklin,	Jenkins of Burke,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Burbank,	Jennings,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Burnap of Calais,	Johnson of Leicester,	Simonds,
Burt,	Johnson of Vernon,	Skinner,
Bushnell,	Johnston,	Slayton,
Calderwood,	Josselyn,	Spraulding,
Celley,	Kelley,	Sprague,
Chadwick,	Kelton,	Stannard,
Chamberlin,	Kingsley,	Stearns,
Chase,	Knight,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Cheney,	Ladd,	Sturgess,
Clark of Jay,	Landon,	Swain,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Lazelle,	Tabor,
Clark of Stratford,	Lincoln,	Taylor of Morgan,
Coburn,	Lindsay,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Colton,	Long,	Templeton,
Coolidge,	Lytord,	Titus of Lemington,
Crandall,	Lynde,	Titus of Verabire,
Crane of Bridport,	Macomber,	Uford,
Crane of Williamstown,	Martin of Chelsea,	Wales,
Cummings,	Mason,	Watts,
Curtis,	Needham,	Webb,
Darling of Morristown,	Nelson,	Webster of Cabot,
Darling of Worcester,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Webster of Franklin,
Davis,	Newton of St. Albans,	Wells,
Denny,	Nichols,	Wheeler,
Dewey,	Olmsted,	Whitcher,
Dickerman,	Page of Cambridge,	White,
Dillingham,	Page of Groton,	Wilbur,
Du Bois,	Parker of Putney,	Willey,
Haynes,	Parker of Reading,	Willis,
Ellis,	Parsons,	Woodbridge,
Erwin,	Patrick,	Wright—169.
Etey,	Paul,	
Everest,	Pearl,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Bailey,	Eaton of Danville,	Gillett,
Beers,	Evaus,	Ilager,
Bliss,	Fairbanks,	Hemenway,
Colvin,	Farrington,	Henry,
Dean,	Kellandby,	Hodgkins,
Drake,	Fuller,	Houghton,

Howard,
Hutchinson,
Isham,
Kent,
McGregor,
Morrissey,

Peak,
Sargent of Norwich,
Skoels,
Spear,
Sturtevant,
Tilden,

Tracy,
Tyler,
Webster of Sudbury,
Winchester—38.

So the bill passed.

House bill entitled

H. 271. An act to amend chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the grand list ;"

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Batchelder of Arlington moved that it be committed to a member with instructions to amend section seven by inserting after the words "town clerks," the words *a true statement of*;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment made by the clerk.

Mr. Blodgett moved that the bill be committed to a member with instructions to amend section five by inserting after the word "shall," the word *wilfully* ;

Which was agreed to and the amendment made by the clerk.

Mr. Long of Chittenden moved that the bill be committed to a member with instructions to amend by adding to line seven of section five the words, "Shall be kept where available to the listers, when they come around to take the list ;"

Which was disagreed to.

Mr. French moved that the bill be committed to a member with instructions to amend section one by adding the words, "And the listers shall not be required to swear to the list when completed, but the list when completed shall be signed by the listers ;"

Which was agreed to and the amendment made by the clerk.

Mr. Ladd of Alburgh moved that the bill be committed to a member with instructions to amend section five by striking out all between the words "tax-payer" and "and," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Shall be furnished by the listers

previous to the fifteenth day of April in each year, one of the blanks."

Mr. Blake of Barton moved to amend the amendment by inserting "the first day of April," in place of "the fifteenth day of April;"

Which was disagreed to. The question being, Will the House commit the bill to a member with instructions to amend as proposed by Mr. Ladd? it was decided in the negative, so it was disagreed to.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry moved that the bill be committed to a member with instructions to amend by inserting after the words "Section 5," the words "The town clerks at the annual March meeting shall distribute blank forms mentioned in the preceding section, and ;"

Which was agreed to and the amendment made by the clerk.

Mr. Sprague of Brandon moved that the bill be committed to a member with instructions to amend by striking out all of section seven after the words "each year."

Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven moved to amend the amendment by inserting after the word "profits," the words "over and above twenty per cent of the capital stock." Mr. Safford of Westminster demanded the previous question, which demand the House refused to second. The question recurring, Will the House agree to the amendment to the amendment? it was decided in the negative. The question now being, Will the House commit the bill to a member with instructions to amend as proposed by Mr. Sprague? it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Skeels moved that the bill be committed to a member with instructions to amend by striking out the words "previous to the first day of April in each year;"

Which was agreed to and the amendment made by the clerk.

The question recurring, Shall the bill as amended pass? it was decided in the affirmative;

So the bill passed.

House bill entitled

H. 278. An act to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (ten o'clock), and pending the consideration of the second amendment proposed by the committee ;

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 52. An act relating to voters in school district meetings.

S. 94. An act changing the time of holding county courts in Essex county,

S. 117. An act to amend section nineteen of chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to studies in common schools ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 197. An act laying a tax on the county of Bennington ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution relating to an early resumption of specie payments ;

And the House are asked to concur in the adoption of the same.

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles :

S. 37. An act to simplify and expedite proceedings upon writs of quo warranto, mandamus and prohibition.

S. 41. An act amending an act entitled "An act relating to criminal offenses committed within the limits of incorporated villages in this State."

S. 49. An act in amendment of section six of an act entitled "An act enlarging the powers of school district number four in Middlebury," approved November 15, 1866.

S. 67. An act providing for the payment of fees of jurors in criminal causes before justices.

The question recurring, Will the House agree to the second amendment proposed by the Committee? pending the question,

On motion of Mr. Coburn of East Montpelier, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Roscoe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 23. An act to pay George Capron the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

S. 52. An act relating to the qualifications of voters in school district meetings ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 94. An act changing the time of holding Courts in Essex County ;

To a Select Committee consisting of all the members from Essex County.

S. 117. An act to amend section nineteen, chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to studies in common schools ;

To the Committee on Education.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 197. An act laying a tax on the County of Bennington.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out the words "first constables," in the third line of section two, and insert in lieu thereof the words *Collectors of taxes*.

Strike out the words "first constables," in the second and third lines of section three, and insert in lieu thereof the words *Collectors of taxes*.

Insert after the words "and," in the seventh line of section three, the words *said Collectors shall* ;

And the House concurred therein.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

JOINT RESOLUTION FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF SPECIE
PAYMENTS.

SEC. 1. WHEREAS, The act of congress, which made greenbacks a legal tender, in place of coin, was cheerfully submitted to as a measure of necessity, to preserve the national life and

WHEREAS, Eleven years have elapsed since the close of the war, which have been years of extravagance and great indebtedness, both public and private, promoted in a large measure by our irredeemable paper currency ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the present time, when business is depressed, while the values of all kinds of commodities are low, and large amounts of currency are lying idle, while the balance of trade is in our favor,

and large amounts of gold are flowing into our country from foreign countries, presents a favorable opportunity for the adoption of measures leading to the resumption of specie payments.

That we respectfully instruct our senators, and request our representatives in congress, to use all honorable means to procure the enactment of such laws at the next session, as, by a gradual reduction of the currency, a gradual accumulation of gold in the United States treasury, and in the national banks, and a strict economy in the administration of public affairs, will make practicable a sure, easy and permanent resumption of specie payments by the first day of January, 1879.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit to each of the senators and representatives in congress, from this State, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees, to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Tabor from the Committee on the Grand List,

H. 162. An act in amendment of an act approved November 26, 1872, relating to the Grand List.

By Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 334. An act to pay Lucien W. French the sum therein named.

By Mr. Peck, from the General Committee,

H. 853. An act to amend chapter one hundred and one of the General Statutes, entitled "Of floating lumber."

By Mr. Peck, from the same Committee,

H. 310. An act changing the name of Edmund Amos Hand and constituting him heir-at-law of Charles P. and Ellen S. Leonard.

By Mr. Webster, from the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries,

H. 233. An act in addition to chapter twenty-four of the General Statutes, relating to cross roads and lanes.

By Mr. Colton, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 25. An act to pay George H. French the sum therein named.

By Mr. Adams, from the same Committee,

H. 359. An act to pay Gardner J. Wallace the sum therein named.

Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 19. An act repealing sections three, four and five, and amending section nine of an act entitled "An act regulating the capture of fish and game." approved November 24, 1874 ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. Section three of an act entitled an act regulating the capture of fish and game, approved November 24, 1874, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Whoever takes or catches any black bass in any of the waters of this State, or has in his or her possession any such fish captured within the limits of this State, between the fifteenth day of May and the first day of July in any year, shall forfeit and pay a fine not to exceed five dollars for each fish so taken, had or possessed, to be recovered on complaint of a town grand juror before any justice of the peace within the town or county where such offence was committed, one-half of said fine to go to the person who made the complaint and the other half to go to the State.

SEC. 2. Section four of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Whoever takes or catches any white fish or lake shad in any of the waters of this State, or has in his or her possession any such fish taken within the limits of this State, between the first day of November and the fifteenth day of the same month in any year, shall forfeit and pay a fine not to exceed ten dollars for each fish so taken, had or possessed, to be recovered on complaint of a town grand juror before any justice of the peace within the town or county where such offence was committed, one-half of said fine to go to the person who makes the complaint and the other half to the State.

SEC. 3. Section five of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Whoever takes or catches any wall-eyed pike or pike-perch in any of the waters of this State, or has in his or her possession any such fish taken within the limits of this State, between the twentieth day of April and the twentieth day of May of any year, shall forfeit and pay a fine not to exceed five dollars for each and, every fish so taken, to be recovered on complaint of a town grand juror before any justice of the peace within the town or county where such offence was committed, one half of such fine to go to the person who makes the complaint and the other half to the State.

SEC. 4. Section nine of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

It shall not be lawful for any person to fish for white fish or lake shad, or for wall-eyed pike or pike-perch with a net whose meshes are less than one and one half inches in extension, knot to knot, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each offence so committed, to be recovered by complaint of a town grand juror, with confiscation of the net or nets, before any justice of the peace, or city court, within the town or county where such offence was committed, and one half of such fines shall go to the person who makes the complaint, and the other half to the State.

SEC. 5. Section seven of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Any person legally engaged in the artificial culture and maintenance of fish may take them in his own waters how and when he pleases, or take them in other waters for breeding purposes, provided he gets the written permit of the commissioners of fisheries to do so, together with the consent of the owner or occupiers of the land if such waters are on lands enclosed and duly posted, but shall not sell them for food at seasons when their capture is prohibited by this act.

SEC. 6. The word public, wherever it occurs in said act, is hereby stricken out.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read and agreed to, and on motion of Mr. French, the bill was further amended by striking out the words "indictment or otherwise," wherever they occur, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *complaint of a town grand juror*;

Whereupon the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Kelton, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 207. An act in relation to bowling alleys ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended in the third line of section one, by inserting after the word "erected," the word *building* ;

Also by inserting in the fourth line of the same section, after the word "which," the words *there is* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 327. An act for the discharge of poor criminals from jail ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended as follows : by filling the blank in the seventh line with the word *two* ;

Also by filling the blank in the tenth line, with the word *four* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to morrow morning.

Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom were referred certain petitions relating to the protection of fish and game ;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following bill-entitled

H. 389. AN ACT FOR THE BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF THE ACTS CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF FISH DURING THE SPAWNING SEASON.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. That the selectmen of any town may appoint and remove] at pleasure, within such town, a person to be fish warden therein, who shall have power to arrest within the county in which he shall be appointed, on view, any person found violating any law for the preservation or protection of fish, and to take such person so arrested immediately before the proper court or magistrate and to make complaint for and prosecute such offense.

SEC. 2. Any person found on the public waters or the shores thereof of this State, or on private waters or the shores thereof without the consent of the owner or occupier thereof, in the possession of any net, fish trap, spear, jack light or gun, with intent to use the same for the capture or destruction of fish contrary to law, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both such punishments in the discretion of the court.

Which was read and under the rule was

Ordered to lie, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies thereof, for the use of the General Assembly.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to request the House to return to return to the possession of the Senate a House bill entitled

H. 18. An act to authorize the proprietors of the Saxton's River Meeting-House, or the Saxton's River Meeting-House Society, to sell and convey to school district number ten in Rockingham, and six in Westminster, their remaining interest in the Saxton's River Village Meeting-House;

And the Clerk was directed to return said bill agreeably to the request of the Senate.

Mr. Wales, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 69. An act in amendment of section two of chapter fifty of the General Statutes, relating to letters testamentary and other proceedings on the probate of wills;

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence, and recommending that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out "section one," and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. Section three of chapter fifty of the General Statutes is hereby so amended as to read as follows :

"If the executor shall be residuary legatee, instead of the bond prescribed in section two of said chapter, he may give a bond in such sum and with such sureties as the court may direct, with a condition only to pay the debts and legacies of the testator, and in such case he shall not be required to return an inventory. And if the testator in his will direct that no bonds, or only the individual bond of the executor be required, instead of the bond prescribed in section two of said chapter, he may give his indi-

vidual bond as directed in said will, but he shall also give a bond in such sum and with such sureties as the court shall require, with a condition only to pay the debts of the testator, but the court may require of the executor such further bond at any time as the court shall deem proper in case of a subsequent change in the circumstances of the executor, and for other sufficient cause."

Which was agreed to, and the bill as proposed to be amended, ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees, to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations,

H. 227. An act to incorporate the Brandon Aqueduct Company.

H. 333. An act to incorporate the village of West Randolph.

H. 272. An act in relation to the annual meetings of the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association in Thetford.

By Mr. Hinman, from the same committee,

- H. 358. An act to incorporate the village of North Troy.

By Mr. Hapgood, from the same committee,

H. 343. An act to incorporate the East Hardwick Baptist Society, in Hardwick.

By Mr. Abell from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 205. An act to enable the pew owners and proprietors of the old Baptist Church in Orwell, to dispose of the same.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 267. An act to incorporate the Connecticut River Valley Medical Association ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by adding after section five the following section :

SEC. 6. Said corporation shall not at any time contract debts to an amount exceeding three-fourths of the capital actually paid

in, and if at any time the debts of said corporation shall exceed that amount, the stockholders shall be personally liable for such excess.

And that the numbers of the last three sections be changed to correspond with such additional sections.

Which amendments were agreed to, and the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Webster, from the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 63. An act to amend an act in addition to chapter twenty-five of the General Statutes, entitled "Of repairs of highways and bridges ;"

Reported, recommending its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow afternoon.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 130. An act relating to the purchase of books for the State Library.

S. 134. An act providing for the distribution of copies of the "Governor and Council."

S. 138. An act relating to jailers' fees.

S. 139. An act in amendment of section nineteen of chapter fifty-three of the General Statutes.

S. 144. An act to amend section thirty-three of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

S. 145. An act in relation to the rendition of fugitives from justice.

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

S. 146. An act in amendment of section seventy-four of

chapter eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of commissioners.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 10. An act entitled "An act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office," approved November 26, 1872.

H. 229. An act to increase the efficiency of the militia ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 300. An act to amend section one of chapter thirty-four of the General Statutes of this State, entitled "Of proceedings against Trustees ;"

And have refused the same a third reading.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill entitled

S. 93. An act providing for the labor of prisoners for safe keeping ;

And have concurred therein.

Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 260. An act to incorporate the Burlington Trust Company ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows :

By striking out in section eleven, the words "any of them," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "or the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island or New York ;"

Also by adding to section eighteen the following words : "and

all general laws relating to Savings Banks, and to Savings Banks and Trust Companies, now in force, or that may hereafter be passed ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various Committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

By Mr. Abell, from the Committee on Education,

S. 114. An act to amend section ninety-one, chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, relating to town histories.

By Mr. Olmsted, from the same committee,

S. 50. An act relating to the licensing of teachers.

Mr. Hayward, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 9. An act to assess and tax national bank surplus funds ;

Reported adversely to its passage. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Eaton of Danville it was dismissed.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of W. B. Sheldon, and others, praying for a law regulating the number of hours which shall constitute a day's work ;

Reported, that they do not consider further legislation upon the subject expedient, and recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition ;

Which leave was granted by the House.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

S. 180. An act relating to the purchase of books for the State Library ;

To the Committee on the Library.

S. 134. An act providing for the distribution of copies of the
“Governor and Council ;

To the Committee on the Library.

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the
General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 138. An act relating to jailers’ fees ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 139. An act in amendment of section nineteen of chapter
fifty-three of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 144. An act to amend section thirty-three of chapter ninety-
four of the General Statutes, entitled “Of the traffic in intoxicat-
ing drinks ;”

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 145. An act in relation to the rendition of fugitives from
justice ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 146. An act in amendment of section seventy-four, of
chapter eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of
commissioners ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House
bill entitled

H. 229. An act to increase the efficiency of the militia.

The Senate propose to amend the bill by striking out the figures
“10,” and “80,” in the first section thereof ;

And the House concurred therein.

The House have considered Senate proposal of amendment to
House bill entitled

H. 10. An act entitled an act in addition to section twenty-
five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the

attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office, approved November 26, 1872.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner: strike out the word "sixty," in line eight of section one, after the word "within," and insert in lieu thereof the word *thirty* ;

And the House refused to concur therein.

House bill entitled

H. 350. An act relating to the standard measure for milk ;
Was read the third time and its passage refused.

House bill entitled

H. 352. An act in amendment of an act approved November 24, 1874, entitled, "An act regulating the capture of fish and game ;"

Was read the third time and passed.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 284. An act to enable the pew-owners and proprietors of the Baptist Church in Whitingham Centre to dispose of the same ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by striking out in the fourth section thereof the words : "such person as shall be elected for that purpose by the pew-owners of said house," and inserting in lieu thereof *the treasurer of the town of Whitingham* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill, as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Andrew of Brighton presented the petition of Z. M. Mansur and others, citizens of the town of Brighton, praying for the passage of House bill entitled, H. 177 ;

Which was referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Jennings of Hubbardton, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures by the Chaplain, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Taplin of Randolph.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence :

S. 50. An act relating to the licensing of teachers.

S. 114. An act to amend section ninety-one, chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, relating to town histories.

S. 68. An act to amend an act in addition to chapter twenty-five of the General Statutes, entitled "Of repairs of highways and bridges."

S. 69. An act in amendment of section two of chapter fifty of the General Statutes, relating to letters testamentary and other proceedings on the probate of wills;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence? on motion of Mr. Wales of Burlington, the House propose to the Senate to further amend the bill in its title by striking out after the word "section" the word "two," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *three* ;

Whereupon the bill was passed in concurrence, with proposals of amendment.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed :

H. 327. An act for the discharge of poor criminals from jails.

H. 207. An act in relation to bowling alleys.

H. 323. An act relating to the grand list.

H. 19. An act repealing an act repealing sections three, four and five, and amending section nine of an act entitled "An act

regulating the capture of fish and game," approved November 24, 1874.

On motion of Mr. Barrett of Grafton the title of this bill was amended so as to read

"An act in amendment of an act entitled 'An act regulating the capture of fish and game,'" approved November 24, 1874.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Wright, from the Committee on the Grand List,

H. 381. An act to repeal an act in relation to the grand list, approved November 24, 1874.

By Mr. Eayres, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 200. An act to pay A. F. Harding the sum therein named.

By Mr. Ladd, from the same Committee,

H. 27. An act entitled an act to pay Robert C. Barnes the sum therein named.

By Mr. Barrett, from the same Committee,

H. 88. An act to pay James Connal the sum therein named.

By Mr. Roscoe, from the same Committee,

H. 257. An act to pay Harrison E. Sanford the sum therein named.

By Mr. Colton, from the same Committee,

H. 318. An act to pay Eli Stevens the sum therein named.

By Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations,

H. 211. An act to amend section four of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Missisquoi Bay Ferry Company, approved November 19, 1869.

By Mr. Henry, from the same Committee,

H. 240. An act to incorporate the Ethan Allen Engine Company number four.

Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 322. An act to pay Francis D. Lamb the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by filling the blank in section one with the word *thirty* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 91. An act in relation to witnesses in civil suits.

S. 101. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled " An act to incorporate the Brattleboro and Bennington Railroad Company," approved November 9, 1869.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 95. An act to pay E. N. Smith the sum therein named.

H. 160. An act to pay the town of Guilford, in the county of Windham, the sum therein named.

H. 270. An act to pay John L. Tuttle the sum therein named.

H. 276. An act to amend an act entitled " An act to incorporate the Deerfield River Railroad Company."

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 18. An act to authorize the proprietors of the Saxton's River Meeting-House, or the Saxton's River Meeting-House Society, to sell and convey to school district number ten in Rockingham, and six in Westminster, their remaining interest in the Saxton's River Village Meeting-House ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Mr. Olmsted, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 295. An act in addition to an act to establish the Cookeville Graded School District ;

Reported, recommending that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in connection with

H. 288. An act to authorize the trustees of the Corinth Academical Institute to transfer their Academy building and other property ;

And on motion of Mr. Rowland of Corinth, both bills were referred and recommitted

To the Committee on Education.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 70. An act in amendment of section twenty-four chapter thirty-six of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by adding after the word "him," in the tenth, twenty-third and thirty-third lines thereof, the words, "As to facts and circumstances taking place after the death of the other party ;"

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 141. An act in amendment of section four of chapter forty-seven of the General Statutes, in relation to the sale of property taken on execution.

By Mr. Andrew, from the General Committee,

H. 380. An act to change the name of Mary Edith Purdy.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and their third reading ordered to-morrow morning:

By Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations,

S. 120. An act in amendment of an act relating to private corporations by voluntary association, approved November 23, 1870.

By Mr. Randall, from the Committee on Grand List,

S. 61. An act to amend section nine of chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of collection of taxes."

By Mr. Olmsted, from the Committee on Education,

S. 79. An act to encourage the training of common school teachers.

Mr. Sprague, from the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 253. An act to procure the printing of and distribution of the Register of the Vermont Merino Sheep Breeders' Association ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by inserting after the word "shall," in line two of section two, the words *not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars ;*

Pending the consideration of which amendment, on motion of Mr. Lynde of Marlboro, the bill was dismissed.

Mr. Kingsley, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 336. An act to incorporate the Montpelier Slate and Mining Company ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Tracy of South Hero, House bill entitled

H. 104. An act granting a ferry to Dyer Hill and Henry C. Hill ;

Was taken up, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Lengfeld of Isle La Motte moved that it be dismissed;

Which was lost, and the question recurring, Shall the bill be read the third time? it was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 97; nays, 44;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 332. An act relating to the Reform School;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (ten o'clock), and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes it was

Ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Fairhaven, House bill entitled

H. 306. An act annexing that portion of the town of Fairhaven lying west of Poultney River, to the State of New York;

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Pollard of Windsor the vote whereby the House refused the third reading of House bill entitled

H. 350. An act relating to the standard measure for milk;

Was reconsidered, and the bill read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 278. An act to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association;

Was taken up as unfinished business on motion of Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury, and the amendments proposed by the committee were all agreed to. Mr. Dillingham moved to further amend the bill by inserting in the second line of section seven, after the word "treasurer," the words *of the State*;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second time and referred as follows :

S. 91. An act in relation to witnesses in civil suits ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 101. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled, " An act to incorporate the Brattleboro and Bennington Railroad Company," approved November 9, 1869 ;

To the Committee on Railroads.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 18. An act to authorize the proprietors of the Saxton's River Meeting-House, or the Saxton's River Meeting-House Society, to sell and convey to school district number ten in Rockingham, and six in Westminster, their remaining interest in the Saxton's River Village Meeting-House.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by inserting after the title the words : *It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont ;*

And the House concurred therein.

Mr. Peck, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 368. An act to provide for the building of a jail in the county of Rutland ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, as follows : by filling the blank in section one, with the names of *Redfield Proctor of Rutland, Gustavus Buel of Castleton, and Lyman Batcheller of Wallingford ;*

Also, by filling the blank in section two, before the word "cents," with the word *ten ;*

Pending the consideration of which amendments, on motion of Mr. Sprague of Brandon, the bill was

Ordered to lie.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the eighteenth day of November he approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz. :

H. 199. An act to pay Nathan Lockwood the sum therein named.

H. 296. An act to incorporate the Mary Fletcher Hospital.

And on November twenty-second approved the following :

H. 206. An act to pay Jeremiah O'Brien the sum therein named.

H. 262. An act to pay J. C. Williams the sum therein named.

H. 129. An act concerning dogs and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals.

H. 209. An act for the protection of game and fish.

H. 336. An act enabling the proprietors of the Congregational Meeting-House in Bristol village to dispose of the same.

H. 302. An act to pay M. Quinn the sum therein named.

H. 161. An act to pay the town of Fairlee the sum therein named.

H. 261. An act to restore William Williams to his legal rights and privileges.

H. 216. An act to restore John B. Fersons to his legal rights and privileges.

H. 241. An act to amend an act approved November 6, 1857.

H. 244. An act relating to division of public money among school districts where the amount is twelve hundred dollars or more.

H. 376. An act in relation to presidential electors.

H. 122. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to schools.

H. 245. An act to authorize the trustees of Chester Academy to convey the Academy buildings and other property.

H. 58. An act in addition to chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, entitled "Common Schools and School Laws."

Mr. Hutchinson, from the Committee on Land Taxes, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 365. An act laying a tax on Avery's and Buel's Gores, county of Chittenden ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by filling the blank in the first section with the words *one hundred and fifty* ;

Also, by adding to section three the following words, *said collector shall pay over to the committee two-thirds of said tax on or before June 1, 1877, and the balance thereof on or before June 1, 1878* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

And on motion of Mr. Hutchinson the title of the bill was amended so as to read as follows : "An act laying a tax on the grand list of the real estate of Avery's and Buel's Gores in the county of Chittenden."

Mr. Estey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 189. An act in amendment of section twenty-three of an act entitled "An act for re-organizing the militia," approved November 27, 1872 ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, as follows : by adding to section one the following words, *and inserting in the third line thereof, after the word "regiment," the words, "and battery ;"*

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended, was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Mount Holly, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Calderwood, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 255. An act changing the shire town in the county of Orleans ;

Reported for a majority of the committee, in favor of its passage. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Colton of Irasburgh, it was ordered to lie and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees, to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Bucklin, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries,

H. 60. An act in amendment of section thirteen of an act entitled "An act regulating the capture of fish and game," approved November 24, 1874.

H. 268. An act to protect fish in the mill-pond and reservoir of Henry S. Laird of Marshfield.

By Mr. Randall, from the Committee on Corporations,

H. 341. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act establishing a corporation by the name of the Champlain Transportation Company."

By Mr. Erwin, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries,

H. 248. An act to protect fish in certain ponds, pools and rivers in the towns of Hyde Park and Wolcott.

By Mr. Estey, from the Committee on the Reform School,

H. 374. An act to amend an act entitled "An act relating to

sentences to the Vermont Reform School," approved November 22, 1870.

Remonstrances of sundry persons against the passage of H. 177, were severally presented, and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Erwin of Newport,

That of Carlos Moore and forty-six others, citizens of the town of Newport.

By Mr. Titus of Vershire,

That of W. H. Long and forty others, citizens of the town of Vershire.

By Mr. Eastman of West Fairlee,

That of A. Bean and one hundred others, citizens of the town of West Fairlee.

Petitions praying for the passage of said bill, were severally presented and referred to the Select Committee on that subject, as follows :

By Mr. Sturtevant of Bethel,

That of E. M. Spaulding and forty-one others, citizens of the town of Roxbury ;

Also,

That of H. C. Tennant and thirty-seven others, citizens of the town of Bethel.

By Mr. Willis of Stratton,

That of H. F. Willis and forty-one others, citizens of the town of Stratton.

Mr. Martin of Chelsea called up House bill entitled

H. 187. An act to abate and suppress nuisances ;

And moved to amend the same by striking out all after the enacting clause, and insert the following in lieu thereof :

SEC. 1. Every saloon, restaurant, grocery, cellar, shop, billiard room, bar room, and every drinking place or room used as

a place of public resort, where spirituous or malt liquor or any kind of intoxicating drink is unlawfully sold, furnished or given away, or kept for selling, furnishing or giving away unlawfully, shall be held and regarded as a common nuisance, kept in violation of law.

SEC. 2. When, upon due trial, it shall be proved that any such liquor or intoxicating drink is kept for unlawful sale, furnishing, or giving away, or is unlawfully sold, furnished or given away, in any such place of public resort as is named in the preceding section, the court having jurisdiction in the case shall adjudge such place to be a common nuisance, and the same shall be shut up and abated by the order of such court, in the manner and form hereinafter provided, and shall not be re-opened by the person convicted as the keeper thereof, until he shall file with such court a bond with sufficient surety or sureties, payable to the treasurer of the State, in the sum of not less than three hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, conditioned that he will not thereafter keep for unlawful sale, furnishing or giving away, nor unlawfully sell, furnish or give away therein, any such liquor or intoxicating drink as herein named. And if such person so convicted shall re-open or re-occupy such place before giving such bond, he shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars, payable to the State treasury, for each day in which he shall keep open such place before giving such bond, with costs of prosecution. And it shall be the duty of the State's attorney, whenever any bond or recognizance provided for by this act shall be forfeited, to prosecute, and recover the amount so forfeited, on behalf of the State, and when such duty is neglected for six months by the State's attorney for the county in which such forfeiture occurs, any other person may institute proceedings for such recovery in an action of debt in the name of the State, and such person, upon recovery and the payment of such amount into the State treasury, shall be allowed one half of the amount so

recovered. And it shall be the duty of the grand jury of each county to inquire into and present to the county court all cases of violation of this act not otherwise proceeded against.

SEC. 8. Whenever any person is duly convicted of keeping and maintaining any such place or room used as a place of public resort, in which any such spirituous or malt liquor or any kind of intoxicating drink is unlawfully sold, furnished, or given away, or kept for unlawful sale, furnishing, or giving away,—he shall be adjudged, by the court before which he is so convicted, to be guilty of keeping and maintaining a common nuisance; and upon any conviction of such offense he shall forfeit and pay into the State treasury a fine of not less than twenty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars; or he shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding twenty dollars and imprisonment in the county jail not less than one month nor more than three months, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. Justices of the peace shall have power in their several counties to hear and determine all offenses against this act, on complaint of a town grand juror or State's attorney; and any person may appeal from the judgment rendered against him by any justice on the trial of any complaint or action under this act, provided he shall first recognize to the State before such justice in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall, in the opinion of such justice, be good and sufficient,—conditioned that he will prosecute his appeal to effect, and pay all costs, fines, and forfeitures, and undergo all penalties that may be awarded against him upon the final disposition of such complaint or action.

SEC. 5. Complaints arising under this act shall be substantially in the following form;—and the same may be amended, in the discretion of the court, either in form or substance at any stage of the proceedings, to wit:—

STATE OF VERMONT, }
County, ss. }

To A. B., justice of the peace within and for the county
of _____ comes C. D, grand juror
of the town (or city) of _____ in said county,
and complains that E. F., of _____ in said
county, heretofore, to wit, on the _____ day of

A. D. _____ at

in said county, did unlawfully keep and maintain a certain place
or room used as a place of public resort, called and known as a
[here give the name of the place or room,—whether saloon,
billiard room, bar room, or otherwise], situated [here give the
location with reasonable certainty] in the town (or city) of _____
in said county, in which, then and there, spirituous or malt
liquor or other intoxicating drink [as the case may be] was kept
for unlawful sale, furnishing or giving away, [or was unlawfully
sold, furnished or given away, as the case may be,] to the com-
mon nuisance of all the good people of this State, contrary to the
form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against
the peace and dignity of this State. C. D, grand juror.

And the justice to whom the complaint is made, shall certify
thereon substantially as follows:

“This complaint exhibited to me this _____ day of

A. D. _____

A. B., justice of the peace.”

When any place or room shall be adjudged a common nui-
sance, as herein provided, the court shall issue an order substan-
tially in the form following, to wit:

STATE OF VERMONT, }
County, ss. }

To any Sheriff or Constable in the State—Greeting:

WHEREAS, E. F., of _____ in said county,
was, on the _____ day of _____

A. D. before the undersigned, a justice of the peace, convicted of keeping and maintaining a place of public resort called and known as a [here describe the place, giving its name and location as in the complaint] which has been adjudged a common nuisance and ordered to be abated.

Now, therefore, by the authority of the State of Vermont, you are hereby commanded forthwith to abate such nuisance, by shutting up the place aforesaid, upon giving the said E. F. reasonable notice to remove whatever goods and effects he may lawfully possess therein; and upon shutting up such place, you will post upon the door or main entrance to the same, a notice in words as follows: "Closed against E. F. of by order of A. B., justice of the peace," and sign such notice in your official capacity. Hereof fail not, but of your doings hereon make due return according to law.

Dated at in said county, this
day of A. D.

A. B., justice of the peace."

And the same place shall be again shut up and abated in the same manner, on any subsequent conviction of any person of keeping the same as a common nuisance, under this act. And whenever any tenant occupying such premises shall be convicted of keeping the same as a common nuisance, and the same shall be closed as herein provided, any right or lease hereafter given him for the use thereof may be vacated at the option of the owner thereof, who shall have the right, against any such lease, to enter and resume possession of the same without process of law.

SEC. 6. The special costs in any trial under this act shall be taxed against the respondent and allowed as follows, viz.: to the court for issuing the order herein provided for, thirty-four cents; for preparing and taking any bond herein provided for, fifty cents; to the officer for executing such order and posting such notice as is herein provided for, one dollar; and to the prosecu.

ting officer in case of a conviction in any trial under this act before a justice of the peace or city court, two dollars:

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which amendment was read, and under the rule was

Ordered to lie, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies thereof, for the use of the General Assembly.

The Special Committee on the part of the House, to whom was referred the joint resolution relating to the State expenses, presented the following report :

(For report see Appendix "D.")

Which was read by the Clerk ;

Also the following joint resolution :

**JOINT RESOLUTION REQUIRING REPORTS IN REGARD TO COSTS
OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.**

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives :

I. That the auditor of accounts be and hereby is directed to order the several court auditors to allow no accounts of any sheriff, jailer, State's attorney, county clerk, justice of the peace, judge of a municipal court or other person, unless such account specifies the offence charged or law violated, on account of which such expenses or fees were incurred, and no account of a sheriff, jailer, State's attorney or county clerk shall be allowed unless it contains a true summary, stating the amount of such fees, and expenses which are properly chargeable to the following classes of offences :

First, Offences punishable by death or imprisonment in the State Prison.

Second, Offences against chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, and acts in addition to or in amendment thereof.

Third, Minor offences not included in either of the above classifications.

II. That the auditor of accounts be and hereby is directed

to order the county clerks to state in the abstract of orders drawn by them in favor of justices of the peace and other persons, except orders drawn in favor of sheriffs, jailers and county clerks, the nature of the offence charged, and the result of the judgment or other proceedings.

III. That the auditor of accounts be and hereby is directed to publish in his biennial report a summary giving an abstract of the revenue and disbursements of the State for each fiscal year, properly classified, whether received or disbursed by the State treasurer, auditor of accounts or county clerks, and also a summary giving the amounts allowed in each county as specified in the abstract of orders drawn by the county clerks, and their returns, classified as stated in the first clause of this resolution.

IV. That the auditor of accounts be and hereby is directed to furnish any newspaper published in this State, desiring it for publication without expense to the State, on or before the tenth day of September in each year in which there is no regular session of the Legislature, the summaries mentioned in the third clause of this resolution.

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Andrew, from the General Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 59. An act in amendment of section two of chapter seventy-seven of the General Statutes entitled "Of standard weight of grain, etc.," and in addition to said chapter ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Andrew, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 304. An act to restore Patrick Sullivan to his legal rights and privileges ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed in concurrence :

By Mr. Follansby, from the Select Committee on that subject,

S. 94. An act changing the time of holding the county courts in the county of Essex.

By Mr. Chamberlin, from the Committee on the Library,

S. 134. An act providing for the distribution of copies of the "Governor and Council."

Mr. Sheldon of Rutland called up House bill entitled

H. 368. An act to provide for the building of a jail in the county of Rutland ;

And on his motion it was ordered to lie and be made the special order for to-morrow afternoon at two and one-half o'clock.

Mr. Crane of Williamstown offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Committee on Agriculture this evening for the purpose of listening to an address by the Rev. H. Herrick, who has spent two years among the grasshopper sufferers in the west, and who desires to present facts to influence farmers to remain in Vermont and cultivate the productive lands here ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Barrett of Grafton House bill entitled

H. 146. An act entitled an act to pay the town of Pawlet the sum therein named ;

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 130. An act relating to the purchase of books for the State Library ;

Reported in favor of its passage, recommending that the House propose to the Senate to amend the first line of the bill by striking out the word "five," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *three* ;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 74. An act in addition to section eight chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;"

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by inserting after the word "sell," in the second line of section one, the words *the same* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 148. An act in relation to the salaries of the judges of municipal courts.

S. 137. An act defining certain intoxicating liquors.

S. 84. An act to incorporate the Chittenden County Savings Bank.

S. 121. An act in addition to chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, relating to disclosures under section thirty-three.

S. 128. An act amending an act approved November 8, 1865, regulating fees of justices.

S. 127. An act to protect fish.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution relating to reports of the transactions of the National Prison Association ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 80. An act for the establishment and construction of a Work-House.

And ask the House to concur in the passage of the same.

Mr. Skeels, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the "Board of Agriculture, Manufactures and Mining,"

And also to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to Agriculture ;

Reported recommending the passage of the following bill entitled

H. 390. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE VERMONT BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. The governor, the president of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, six persons appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, who shall hold their office until the first day of November in that year in which the regular biennial session of the general assembly occurs next after their appointment,—and a secretary to the same to be appointed by the governor, who shall at all times be subject to the direction of the board, and shall hold his office until his successor shall

have been appointed,—shall constitute the Vermont Board of Agriculture, for the improvement of agriculture and the general interests of husbandry and the promotion of agricultural education in the State.

In case of vacancy in the board by reason of the death, resignation, or removal from the State, of any member, or from any other cause, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment as in other cases.

SEC. 2. The board shall hold one meeting in each year, and may hold as many more as it shall deem expedient, either independently or in connection with any society, association, or other organization devoted to the same general object, and may, in its discretion, employ lecturers, essayists, experimenters, or other aids, in the conducting of its affairs, and shall, as far as may be practicable, aid and encourage State and local societies, associations and clubs in their efforts.

The members of the board, other than the secretary, shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be entitled to receive their expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties.

The secretary shall not have or pursue any other business which shall in any manner interfere with the full performance of all the duties herein prescribed or which may be assigned to him by the board, and he shall be paid an annual salary of one thousand dollars together with all necessary office expenses, including postage, etc. ; but no allowance shall be made to him for personal expenses unless he shall be detailed by the board to the performance of special service, a part or the whole of which shall be without the State, in which case the board may, in its discretion, direct the payment of his expenses which shall be audited and paid by the auditor of accounts in the same manner as the other general expenses of the board ; provided that the

entire expense of the service provided for in this section shall not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 3. The secretary shall annually, on or before the thirty-first day of July, prepare a detailed report of the proceedings of the board, with such suggestions and recommendations as the interests of agriculture may require, and append thereto abstracts of the proceedings of the several agricultural societies, dairymen's associations, and farmers' clubs in the State, and the same shall be printed in the manner prescribed by law for the printing of other State reports; provided, that each volume shall not contain more than four hundred octavo pages; five hundred copies of which shall be for the use of the State Librarian and the General Assembly, five hundred for the use of the Vermont Dairymen's Association, and fifteen hundred for distribution by direction of the board throughout the State.

SEC. 4. An act entitled "An act establishing a Board of Agriculture, Manufactures and Statistics," approved November 22, 1870, and all acts or parts of acts in amendment thereof, or in addition thereto, and an act entitled "An act to procure the printing and distribution of the report of the secretary of the Vermont Dairymen's Association," approved November 17, 1874, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times, and under the rule was

Ordered to lie and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the same for the use of the General Assembly.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times, and referred as follows:

S. 80. An act for the establishment and construction of a Work-House;

To the Committee on Jails and Work-Houses.

S. 84. An act to incorporate the Chittenden County Savings Bank ;

To the Committee on Banks.

S. 121. An act in addition to chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, relating to disclosures under section thirty three ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 123. An act amending an act approved November 8, 1865, regulating fees of justices ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 127. An act to protect fish ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

S. 137. An act defining certain intoxicating liquors ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 148. An act in relation to the salaries of judges of the municipal courts ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Eaton of Danville called up House bill entitled

H. 332. An act relating to the Reform School ;

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on his motion it was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

WHEREAS, The State has large investments in penal institutions and incurs a heavy annual expense for their support ; and

WHEREAS, An accurate knowledge of the best principles of penal law and the most modern experiences of other States and countries in prison management is necessary to our legislators, judges and prison officials, in order that the State may save money and secure a better enforcement of law ; and

WHEREAS, This knowledge, which is obtained in other States by supporting expensive prison commissions, has now become

embodied to a great extent in the reports of the transactions of the National Prison Association, which are designed for the benefit of the States, and can be procured for the actual cost of publication ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the State Librarian be and he hereby is authorized to purchase fifty copies each of the transactions of the St. Louis congress of said association, and of its forthcoming report of the New York congress, and distribute the same as follows : one copy of each volume to each of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor of Accounts, Secretary of State, Directors and Superintendent of the State Prison, Trustees and Superintendent of the Reform School, the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, and each of the Normal Schools, and that the residue remain in the State Library, for the use of members of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the Auditor of Accounts is hereby directed to draw an order upon the Treasurer, for the cost of purchase and expense of distribution of the same, upon bills duly certified by the Librarian.

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bliss, of Bradford, the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Senate bill entitled

S. 59. An act in amendment of section two of chapter seventy-seven of the General Statutes, entitled "Of standard weight of grain, etc.," and in addition to said chapter ;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate bill entitled

S. 61. An act to amend section nine of chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of collection of taxes ;"

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass ? On motion of Mr. Dean of Barnard, it was

Ordered to lie and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten and one-half o'clock.

Senate bill entitled

S. 79. An act to encourage the training of common school teachers ;

Was read the third time and its passage in concurrence was refused.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill of the following title :

S. 153. An act entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter one of the General Statutes, entitled 'Of elections,'" approved November 18, 1870 ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 228. An act conferring additional powers upon the trustees of the Vermont Reform School.

H. 235. An act in relation to the appointment of guardians for married women in certain cases.

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 22. An act to enable the pew-owners and proprietors of the old Congregational Meeting-House in Barton village, to dispose of the same.

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State.

H. 111. An act in amendment of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes.

H. 140. An act to amend section twenty-seven of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

H. 175. An act in addition to chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the grand list;"

And have passed the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment.

The Senate have considered a House bill of the following title :

H. 386. An act directing the County Clerk of Orange County to surrender to Clark Thompson a note given by said Thompson, and one White, for a fine and costs against said Thompson, and to remit said fine and costs ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills, originating in the Senate, of the following titles :

S. 39. An act relating to the appointment of the Reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court.

S. 56. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes.

S. 72. An act in amendment of section seven, chapter eighty-eight of the General Statutes.

S. 100. An act to extend the benefits of common schools.

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed :

H. 70. An act in amendment of section twenty-four, chapter thirty-six of the General Statutes.

H. 189. An act in amendment of section twenty-three of an act, entitled "An act for reorganizing the militia," approved November 27, 1872.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered their proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 10. An act entitled an act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office, approved November 26, 1872 ;

And insist upon said proposal of amendment, and they ask of the House a committee of conference to consist of three Senators and three members of the House.

The Senate request the House to return to the possession of the Senate a bill entitled

S. 148. An act in relation to salaries of the judges of municipal courts :

And the Clerk was directed to return said bill, agreeably to the request of the Senate.

Mr. Olmsted, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 246. An act relating to Normal Schools of this State;
Reported in favor of its passage;

Whereupon, the bill was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 149. An act relating to the practice in the court of chancery.

By Mr. Abell, from the same Committee,

H. 277. An act to repeal section ten, and to amend section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

Mr. Wales, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 177. An act entitled an act to annex certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor counties, and for other purposes ;

Reported adversely to its passage. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Andrew of Brighton it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Tabor, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 154. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of West Windsor for the year 1874 ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 191. An act to amend section fourteen of chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by inserting in the tenth line of section one, after the word "executions," the words *signed by the judge or register of said court* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 106. An act to authorize the removal of obstructions from Paul Stream.

S. 131. An act relating to the State Library.

S. 157. An act to provide for the printing of the Directory of the General Assembly.

S. 158. An act in amendment of section eight of chapter seventeen of the General Statutes.

S. 159. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and ten of the General Statutes.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 331. An act relating to the officers and management of the State Prison ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

And the House are asked to concur therein.

The Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House granting the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives

to the Committee on Agriculture, to listen to an address by the Rev. H. Herrick ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

Also joint resolution from the House requiring reports in regard to costs of criminal prosecutions ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

House bill entitled

H. 332. An act relating to the Reform School ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (ten o'clock).

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Eaton of Danville moved to amend the bill by striking out all of section one.

Pending its consideration, Mr. Martin of Chelsea moved that the bill be ordered to lie, but subsequently asked and obtained leave from the House to withdraw his motion. The question being, Will the House agree to the amendment? Mr. Eaton of Danville demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit: Will the House agree to the proposed amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, yeas 179, nays 25.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Evans of Moretown, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,
Abell of West Haven,
Adams of Enosburgh,
Adams of Newbury,
Alexander,
Andrew,
Barnum,
Barrett,
Bartlett,
Beers,
Blake,
Bliss,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,
Bourn,
Boynton,
Braley,
Briggs,
Brigham,
Brookins,
Brown of Goshen,
Brown of Pawlet,
Brown of Waterford,
Buchanan,

Bucklin,
Burbank,
Burnap of Calais,
Burnap of Somerset,
Burt,
Calderwood,
Camp,
Cellej,
Chadwick,
Chamberlin,
Chase,
Cheney,
Clark of Jay,
Clark of Stratford,
Coburn,
Colton,
Colvin,
Coolidge,
Crandall,
Crane of Williamstown,
Cummings,
Darling of Morristown,
Darling of Worcester,

Davis,
Dean,
Denny,
Dewey,
Dickerman,
Dillingham,
Drake,
Eastman,
Eaton of Danville,
Eaton of Middlesex,
Eaton of Rochester,
Kayres,
Edwards,
Ellis,
Erwin,
Evans,
Fairbanks,
Farrand,
Farrington,
Fitch,
Follanshy,
Ford,
Foster,

Francis,	Long,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Franklin,	Lyford,	Sherrwood,
Freeman,	Lynde,	Shores,
French,	McFarland,	Simonds,
Frizzell,	McGregor,	Skinner,
Fuller,	Mack,	Slayton,
Gale,	Macomber,	Spaulding,
Gillett,	Mason,	Spear,
Gleason,	Morrissey,	Stannard,
Goodrich,	Needham,	Stearns,
Hager,	Nelson,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Hamilton,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Stoddard of Paultney,
Hapgood,	Nichols,	Sturgess,
Haynes,	Olmsted,	Swain,
Hayward,	Parker of Putney,	Tabor,
Hemenway,	Parker of Reading,	Taylor of Morgan,
Hinman,	Parsons,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Hodgkins,	Paul,	Templeton,
Hopkins,	Pearl,	Thornton,
Hotchkins,	Peck,	Tilden,
Houghton,	Perry,	Titus of Lemington,
Howard,	Pitkin,	Titus of Vershire,
Howe of Springfield,	Pollard,	Townshend,
Howe of Tunbridge,	Potter,	Tracy,
Hoyt,	Prouty,	Tyler,
Hutchinson,	Randall,	Uford,
Isham,	Ranger,	Watts,
Jackman,	Ranney of Athens,	Webb,
Jenkins of Burke,	Ranney of Pittsfield,	Webster of Cabot,
Johnson of Leicester,	Reed,	Webster of Franklin,
Johnson of Vernon,	Richardson,	Webster of Sudbury,
Johnston,	Romaine,	Wells,
Joselyn,	Roor,	Wheeler,
Kelley,	Rowland,	Whitcher,
Kelton,	Russell,	White,
Kent,	Sabin,	Wilbur,
Ladd,	Safford,	Willie,
Landon,	Sargent of Norwich,	Willis,
Lazelle,	Sargent of Wilmington,	Winchester—179.
Lengfeld,	Savage,	
Lindsay,	Sheldon of Rupert,	

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Bailey,	Farwell,	Rose,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Kingsley,	Shaw,
Birkett,	Martin of Chelsea,	Sprague,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Martin of Londonderry,	Sturtevant,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Patrick,	Sulloway,
Crane of Bridport,	Peake,	Woodbridge,
Curtis,	Porter,	Wright—25.
Estey,	Prindle,	
Everest,	Roscoe,	

So the amendment was agreed to.

And the bill was thereupon ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea, House bill entitled

H. 187. An act to abate and suppress nuisances ;

Was taken up, and pending consideration of the amendment was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for this afternoon at three and one-half o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Skeels of Highgate, House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture;

Was taken up, and the question being, Shall the bill be made the special order for two o'clock this afternoon? pending the question,

On motion of Mr. Paul of Pomfret, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Senate bill entitled

S. 120. An act in amendment of an act relating to private corporations by voluntary associations, approved November 23, 1870;

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times and referred as follows:

S. 106. An act to authorize removal of obstructions from Paul Stream;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 181. An act relating to the State Library;

To the Committee on the Library.

S. 153. An act entitled an act to amend an act in amendment of and in addition to chapter one of the General Statutes, entitled "Of elections," approved November 18, 1870;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 157. An act to provide for the printing of the Directory of the General Assembly;

To the Select Committee on State Expenses.

S. 158. An act in amendment of section eight, of chapter seventeen of the General Statutes;

To the Select Committee on State Expenses.

S. 159. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and ten of the General Statutes ;

To the Select Committee on State Expenses.

On motion of Mr. Abell of West Haven, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for the appointment of a committee of conference upon the disagreeing vote on House bill entitled

H. 10. An act in amendment of section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office, approved November 26, 1872 ;

And the Speaker announced the appointment of such committee on the part of the House of

Mr. Abell of West Haven,

“ Dean of Barnard,

“ Adams of Enosburgh.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Hapgood, from the Committee on Corporations,

H. 326. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act changing the name of, and relating to the Northfield cemetery association, approved November 14, 1869.

By Mr. Webster from the Committee on Highways, Bridges, and Ferries,

H. 357. An act repealing an act entitled “An act relating to the expenditures of the highway tax assessed within the limits of the village of Bellows Falls.”

Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 305. An act in amendment of and in addition to “An act granting certain powers to Black River Academy and school district number one in Ludlow,” approved November 6, 1867 ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, in the fourth line of section four, by striking out the word "three," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *six*.

Also, in line four, of section six, by striking out the words, "last day of February," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *fifteenth day of July*.

Also, in line eight of section six, by striking out the word "three," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *six* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees, to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Eayres, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 212. An act to pay D. J. Morrill the sum therein named.

By Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 383. An act in amendment of section eighty-one, chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, relating to jurisdiction of constables.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees, to whom they had been referred, favorably, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow afternoon.

By Mr. Spaulding, from the Committee on Education,

S. 117. An act to amend section nineteen of chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to studies in common schools.

By Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 138. An act relating to jailers' fees.

By Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries,

S. 127. An act to protect fish.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 145. An act in relation to the rendition of fugitives from justice ;

Reported in favor of its passage, recommending that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill in the following manner : by adding to section one, the words, *within the space of twenty-four hours after being notified of the demand made for his surrender ;*

Which was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be read the third time to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 198. An act for the settlement and equal distribution among creditors of the estates of insolvent debtors ;

Reported adversely to its passage, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Swain of Rockingham, it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 4. An act to authorize the village of Rutland to borrow money on time to increase and extend its present supply of water ;

Reported in favor of its passage, recommending that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill in the following manner :

By adding after section one, the following sections :

SEC. 2. All moneys collected by the collector of taxes for said village upon the list of water-rents, or delivered to said collector for collection by the water commissioners of said village, and all water rents received by said commissioners, shall be paid by them to the treasurer of said village.

SEC. 3. The treasurer of said village shall open an account for the moneys paid into the treasury as water rent, and shall pay

therefrom, first, the interest due and becoming due on all bonds or notes issued by said village or its water commissioners, for the purpose of supplying said village with water, or the construction of any reservoir connected therewith, and second, to pay any balance on hand upon the orders of the water commissioners, or a majority of them.

SEC. 4. The treasurer of said village shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the trustees, in the sum of not less than five thousand dollars.

SEC. 5. The chief, first and second engineers, instead of the present mode of election, shall be appointed and may at any time be removed by a majority of the board of trustees in their discretion.

Which was agreed to, and the bill read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 337. An act to change the name of William Francis Pratt to William Francis Lewis ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 281. An act to incorporate the Congregational Society in Corinth ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out the word "majority," in the twenty-third line of section four, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *two-thirds*.

The hour for the Joint Assembly having arrived, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The Joint Assembly having concluded its session, the Speaker resumed the chair.

House bill entitled

H. 255. An act changing the shire town in the County of Orleans;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Colton, of Irasburgh.

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Colton, it was

Ordered to lie, and be made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

S. 58. An act to provide for the distribution of Roberts' Digest.

S. 107. An act to pay William Quinlan the sum therein named;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill entitled

S. 130. An act relating to the purchase of books for the State Library;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 225. An act to incorporate the Dime Savings Bank of Cavendish.

H. 41. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bloomfield for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

H. 214. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Barre.

H. 220. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Cavendish for the year 1876.

H. 234. An act repealing an act approved November 12, A. D. 1874, entitled "An act in relation to the two parishes in the town of Westminster."

H. 377. An act laying a tax on the county of Franklin ;
And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 319. An act to abolish the office of railroad commissioner ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have on their part appointed as the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, upon the proposal of amendment to a House bill entitled

H. 10. An act entitled "An act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office," approved November 26, 1872 :

Senator Davis,

" Belden,

" Seymour.

On motion of Mr. Blake of Barton, House bill entitled

H. 388. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Barton," approved November 21, 1874 ;

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Howe of Springfield offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That His Excellency, the Governor, is hereby directed to institute such correspondence, or employ such other means of inquiring as he may deem advisable, to ascertain if the sword now in possession of Mrs. H. Hopkins of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is truly the same which Col. Ethan Allen carried a hundred years ago, while he was in the service of this State, and if so to purchase

it for the State of Vermont at a price limited by his discretion.

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea it was

Ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins of Burke, the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

H. 191. An act to amend section fourteen of chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes.

H. 246. An act relating to the Normal Schools of this State.

H. 231. An act to incorporate the First Congregational Society in Corinth.

House bill entitled

H. 332. An act relating to the Reform School;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? Mr. McFarland of Johnson moved that it be committed to a member with instructions to amend section one by striking out the word "five," before the word "thousand," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word *three*.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry moved to amend the amendment

by striking out the word "five," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word *eight*.

Pending consideration of which, House bill entitled

H. 255. An act changing the shire town in Orleans County ;

Was taken up as a special order at this hour (ten o'clock), and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ?

Mr. Colton of Irasburgh proposed the following amendment :

Amend section one by adding the following :

And if they find Irasburgh the best location in said county, said buildings shall reman there, provided, that said committee shall not act under their appointment until a majority of the legal voters in said county of Orleans present in town meeting and voting, shall accept the provisions of this act by voting yes.

And it is hereby made the duty of the selectmen of the several towns in said Orleans County to insert in the warning for their annual March meeting in 1877, an article by which the question of accepting of the provisions of this act may be submitted to a vote by written or printed ballots *yes* or *no*, as follows—for removal or against removal, and the town clerk of each town shall take and keep a check-list of the name of each person voting upon the question in their respective towns.

And it shall be the duty of the town clerk of each town in said county within ten days after said meeting to certify the vote of his town upon said question to the county clerk of said county, and to the chairman of said committee appointed under the provisions of this act, and if a majority of the votes cast in all of said towns shall be in favor of removal, then said committee shall proceed to act under their commission, but not otherwise.

Pending consideration of the amendment,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 126. An act to pay Ezra P. Wood the sum therein named.

S. 43. An act in amendment of section seventy of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes, relating to appeals from justices of the peace;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 306. An act annexing that portion of the town of Fairhaven lying west of Poultney River, to the State of New York ;

H. 146. An act entitled an act to pay the town of Pawlet the sum therein named ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 106. An act to appropriate a sum of money to pay for the preparation and publication of a Digest of the Reports of the Supreme Court of this State, and for the use of the State.

H. 280. An act to incorporate the Weston Branch Railroad Company ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

Pending the question, Will the House agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Colton ?

On motion of Mr. Henry of Chester, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

House bill entitled

H. 255. An act changing the shire town in Orleans County;

Was taken up as unfinished business. The question being, Will the House agree to the proposed amendment? Mr. Eaton of Danville demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit: Will the House agree to the proposed amendment? which was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 91; nays, 73.

The question now being, Shall the bill as amended be read the third time? it was decided in the negative—yeas, 64; nays, 68. So the third reading of the bill was refused.

House bill entitled

H. 332. An act relating to the Reform School;

Was taken up as unfinished business.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry asked and obtained leave to withdraw his proposal of amendment to the amendment offered by Mr. McFarland.

Mr. McFarland asked and obtained leave to withdraw his proposal of amendment, and moved that the bill be committed to a member with instructions to amend by adding in section one, after the words "for the use of said farm," the following words: *and making such other improvements on the buildings and farm as the trustees deem expedient;*

Which was agreed to;

Whereupon, the bill as amended, was passed.

House bill entitled

H. 187. An act to abate and suppress nuisances;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea, who proposed the following amendment to the amendment now pending :

First, By striking out of line twenty-four of section two, in the printed proposals of amendment, the words "or recognizance."

Second, By striking out section four of said printed proposals of amendment and inserting in its place the following :

SEC. 4. Justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction in their several counties to try and determine all offences against this act, on the written complaint of a town grand juror, or other proper prosecuting officer, and an appeal to the County Court [shall be allowed to the party convicted, as is now provided] by law in other cases from a conviction by a justice of the peace.

Third, By striking out lines thirty-one, thirty-two and thirty-three in section five, of said printed proposals of amendment, and inserting the following, viz. :

"Upon the conviction of the respondent for the keeping and maintaining of such common nuisance, the Court shall, in addition to the ordinary mittimus in criminal cases, issue an order for the shutting up and abatement of such nuisance substantially in the form following, to wit :"

Fourth, In line forty, of section five in said printed proposal of amendment, after the words "justice of the peace," insert the words "*of said County*."

The question being, Will the House agree to the amendment to the amendment? it was decided in the affirmative. The question now being, Will the House agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Martin? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 67, nays 56.

(The previous question having been demanded by Mr. Celley, of Fairlee, and seconded by the House.)

Whereupon the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session, evening sessions of the House of Representatives shall be held, commencing at seven o'clock ;

And on motion of Mr. Martin, the rule of the House requiring it to lie, was suspended ;

Whereupon the resolution was read and adopted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have receded from their proposal of amendment to a bill entitled

H. 10. An act entitled "An act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office," approved November 26, 1872.

And have modified the same, and they ask the House to concur therein.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bills of the following titles :

S. 4. An act authorizing the village of Rutland to borrow money on time to increase and extend its present supply of water.

S. 69. An act in amendment of section two of chapter fifty of the General Statutes, relating to letters testamentary and other proceedings on the probate of wills ;

And have concurred therein.

On motion of Mr. Sheldon of Rutland, the Clerk was directed to request the Senate to return to the possession of the House, Senate bill entitled

S. 79. An act to encourage the training of common school teachers.

House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture ;

Was taken up as unfinished business. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Paul of Pomfret moved to amend the same by striking out sections one and two, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. The governor of the State, the president of the State Agricultural College and six other persons, who shall be nominated by the governor and confirmed by the senate, who shall hold their office until the first day of November in that year in which the regular biennial session of the General Assembly occurs next after their appointment, shall constitute the "Vermont State Board of Agriculture, Manufactures and Mining," and shall receive the same per diem compensation for time employed in the duties hereinafter specified as the members of the General Assembly, and the actual rates of fare paid by them to and from the place of meeting. In case of death, resignation, or removal from the State of any member, or vacancy otherwise arising, the governor shall have power to fill such vacancy.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of the members of the board shall be held on the call of the governor, when they shall complete the organization of the board by appointing a secretary, who shall hold his office till his successor is appointed, and shall receive for his services a salary of six hundred dollars per annum, and the actual rates of fare paid by him to and from the place of meeting, and also the actual expenses of postage, stationery, and other office expenses. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the board in the performance of any duties which may be assigned him by the board. The entire expense of the service

provided for in this and the foregoing section shall not exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars.

SEC. 3. The board shall hold at least one business meeting in each year, and as many more as they shall deem expedient, and they shall hold at least one public meeting of no more than three days' duration in each year, either independently or in connection with any society, association or other organization devoted to the same general object, and may in its discretion employ lecturers, essayists, experimenters, or other aids in the conducting of its affairs, and shall, as far as may be practicable, aid and encourage State and local societies, associations, and farmers and mechanics' clubs in their labors and efforts.

Which was disagreed to ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Eaton of Danville offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session no member of the House shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at one time, on any measure pending before the House, except by consent of the House ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr Lynde, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported, recommending the passage of the following bill entitled H. 391 :

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. A tax of twenty-five cents on the dollar is assessed on the lists of the polls and ratable estate of the inhabitants of this State for the year 1876, to be paid into the treasury of this State by the first day of June next, in money or orders drawn on the treasury by authority of law.

SEC. 2. A tax of thirty cents on the dollar is assessed on the lists of the polls and ratable estate of the inhabitants of this State, which shall be made for the year 1877, to be paid into the treas-

ury of the State by the first day of June, A. D. 1878, in money or orders drawn on the treasury by authority of law.

SEC. 3. The sum of seventy thousand dollars is appropriated for the purpose of paying the debentures of the Lieutenant Governor, the Senate and House of Representatives and the contingent expenses of the General Assembly.

SEC. 4. The sum of six hundred and fifty thousand dollars is appropriated for paying such demands against the State as may be allowed by the auditor of accounts, and such orders on the treasury as may be drawn by county clerks, as provided by law.

SEC. 5. The sum of sixteen thousand dollars is appropriated for the purpose of paying such orders as may be drawn to pay the contingent and incidental expenses of the executive and treasury departments.

SEC. 6. The sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars is appropriated for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds and other debts of the State.

SEC. 7. A sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars is appropriated to pay the current expenses of the Vermont Reform School, to be allowed by the auditor of accounts, who shall draw his order on the treasurer in favor of the superintendent on his presenting proper vouchers for the amount of the expenses incurred, and on the approval of a majority of the trustees of said institution.

SEC. 8. For all taxes assessed by virtue of this act and paid to the collector of the same, before the first day of February next after the issuing by the treasurer of his warrant authorizing the collection of the same, there shall be allowed by the collectors to the individuals or corporations making such payment, four per cent. on the amount paid; and the sums so allowed the treasurer shall credit to the collector on settlement of his tax account, provided the collector pays the money so collected into the treasury before the fifth day of said February, and provided further, that

no allowance shall be made on a sum exceeding the amount due from the collector to the State.

SEC. 9. Instead of the credit mentioned in section sixty-four of chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes, the treasurer shall credit the several collectors one-fortieth part of the whole sum contained in the warrant by him issued, for the collection of the taxes hereby authorized, to each collector, who shall be accountable to their respective towns for so much of such fortieth part so credited as is not allowed by way of abatements to such collector ; but this section shall not apply to any tax but those assessed by this act.

SEC. 10. The treasurer of the State is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the government, and paying such appropriations as are or may be made.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second time, and on motion of Mr. Lynde, the rules were suspended and the bill read the third time and passed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 142. An act providing for the protection of highways from obstruction by snow-drifts.

S. 149. An act in addition to an act entitled "An act to amend section four of chapter one hundred and eight of the General Statutes," approved November 2, 1869.

S. 160. An act relating to Savings Banks and Trust Companies.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 19. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act regulating the capture of fish and game," approved November 24, 1874.

H. 352. An act in amendment of an act approved November 24, 1874, entitled, "An act regulating the capture of fish and game."

H. 101. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Stowe for the years 1874 and 1875.

H. 154. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of West Windsor for the year 1874.

H. 254. An act to amend section three of an act entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the Inspector of Finance, and defining his duties," approved November 24, 1874.

H. 304. An act to restore Patrick Sullivan to his legal rights and privileges.

H. 305. An act in amendment of and in addition to "An act granting certain powers to Black River Academy, and school district number one in Ludlow," approved November 6, 1867.

H. 322. An act to pay Francis D. Lamb the sum therein named.

H. 333. An act to incorporate the village of West Randolph.

H. 358. An act to incorporate the village of North Troy ;
And have passed the same in concurrence.

I am directed to return to the possession of the House agreeably to their request, a Senate bill entitled

S. 79. An act to encourage the training of common school teachers.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 74. An act in addition to section eight, chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor.

H. 112. An act in amendment of section eighteen of chapter seventy-one of the General Statutes, relating to rights of married women ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

Mr. Sheldon of Rutland moved to reconsider the vote refusing the third reading of Senate bill entitled

S. 79. An act to encourage the training of common school teachers ;

Which, on motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington, was
Ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Henry of Chester, Senate bill entitled

S. 106. An act to authorize the removal of obstructions from Paul Stream ;

Was recalled from the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred

To the General Committee.

On motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington the vote ordering for third reading Monday morning of House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture ;

Was reconsidered, and on his motion the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Jr., the sum therein named ;

Submitted the following special report :

To the House of Representatives :

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill

117, entitled "An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Jr., the sum therein named," respectfully report that they have considered the same, and submit the following facts :

That an attempt was made by leading individuals throughout the State during the opening of last year to have an extra session of the legislature called, with a view to appropriate a sum of money for the erection and furnishing of a building upon the Centennial Exposition grounds in Philadelphia, for the use of persons from Vermont, etc. The governor of the State declined to convene the legislature, and hence no authorized State action was taken. At this juncture Mr. N. T. Sprague, Jr., proposed to the governor that if citizens of the State would furnish the furniture, etc., necessary to furnish a building for the purpose named, he would erect a building upon said grounds without expense to the State. Owing to circumstances beyond the control of said Sprague, it was impossible for him to commence the erection of said building until about fourteen days previous to the opening of the grounds. He did, however, succeed in erecting a building which was completed and furnished ready for use on the fourteenth day of May, four days after the opening of said Exposition. This building was not as large or commodious as Mr. Sprague intended it should be, but was as well as could possibly be done under all the circumstances in the case. The building was furnished by money obtained by subscription, and was used and answered a good purpose as the headquarters for Vermonters who visited the Centennial Exposition. Mr. Sprague expended in connection with said building, the sum of two thousand and forty-two dollars ; that the house is now worth two hundred and fifty dollars, and the plumbing is worth thirty dollars, leaving the amount which Mr. Sprague has expended over and above the value of the property at this time twenty-one hundred and sixty-two dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. LADD, *for the Committee.*

Which was read by the Clerk, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Peck of Ira, the bill was amended by filling the blank in section one, before the word "dollars," with the words *twenty-one hundred and sixty-two*. Which was agreed to, yeas 66, nays 53. And on motion of Mr. Eaton of Danville, the bill as amended, was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Insane, submitted a special report :

(For report see Appendix "E.")

Which, on motion of Mr. Abell, was

Ordered to lie, and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies thereof, for the use of the General Assembly.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second time and referred as follows :

S. 43. An act in amendment of section seventy of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes, relating to appeals from justices of the peace ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 58. An act to provide for the distribution of Roberts' Digest ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 107. An act to pay William Quinlan the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

S. 126. An act to pay Ezra P. Wood the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

S. 142. An act providing for the protection of highways from obstructions by snow drifts ;

To the Committee on Highways, Bridges, and Ferries.

S. 149. An act in addition to an act entitled "An act to

amend section four, of chapter one hundred and eight of the General Statutes," approved November 2, 1869;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 160. An act relating to Savings Banks and Trust Companies;

To the Committee on Banks.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Martin from the Committee on Railroads,

H. 224. An act relating to the Vermont and Canada Railroad Company.

By Mr. Dillingham from the Select Committee,

H. 127. An act laying a tax upon the County of Washington.

By Mr. Martin from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 81. An act relating to fraudulent sales of personal property.

By Mr. Abell from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 52. An act relating to the qualifications of voters in school district meeting.

By Mr. Clark from the Committee on the Insane,

H. 349. An act authorizing the appointment of commissioners to establish an Asylum for the Insane.

By Mr. Clark from the same Committee,

H. 351. An act to pay certain persons for taking care of the insane.

By Mr. Webster from the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries,

H. 315. An act relating to liabilities of towns for damage caused by insufficiency of highways and bridges.

Mr. Bailey, from the Select Committee on State Expenses, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 158. An act in amendment of section eight, chapter seventeen of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage, whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Hotchkiss, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 297. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to compel children to attend school," approved November 23, 1870 ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows : by striking out all after the word "child," in section one, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following :

"If more than ten years of age to the Reform School for such time as he may deem proper, not exceeding three months ; and the town in which such child resided, and had his or her home next prior to such commitment, shall pay to the board of trustees of said school, towards the expense of maintaining said child, the sum of two dollars per week during his or her continuance in said school. And if any town or city shall neglect or refuse to pay on demand any claim arising under the provisions of this section, said board of trustees may, in the name of the treasurer of the State, sue for and recover the same in an action of assumpsit in any court of competent jurisdiction. Provided, that nothing in this act shall prevent any such town or city from recovering any such claim, not exceeding two dollars per week, from the town or city where such child may have his or her legal settlement, or from the father or mother of such child ;"

Which was agreed to, and the bill as amended, ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Roscoe, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 371. An act to pay R. J. Cooley and H. G. Alexander the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by filling the blank in section one, before the word "dollars," with the words *seventy-six*;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Huling, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 128. An act amending an act entitled "An act incorporating the village of Middlebury," approved November 24, 1874 ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 335. An act to prevent illegal voting in certain cases ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by striking out in section one, lines five and six, the words *for disqualification* after the word "neglect ;"

Which was agreed to, and the bill as amended, ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to request the House to return to the possession of the Senate a House bill entitled

H. 154. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of West Windsor for the year 1874.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 256. An act to pay Charles Morgan the sum therein named ;

And have passed the same in concurrence, with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

And the Clerk was directed to return said bill agreeably to the request of the Senate.

Mr. Eayres, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 47. An act to pay Charles L. Bullard the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Blake from the Committee on the Grand List,

H. 361. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Pownal, for the years 1875 and 1876.

By Mr. Peck from the General Committee,

H. 281. An act to restore Henry Lovell to his legal rights and privileges of citizenship.

Mr. Spaulding, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 279. An act for the advancement of anatomical science ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time Monday morning.

Mr. Spaulding, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 247. An act defining graded schools, and graded school districts ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows : in the third and fourth lines of section one, by striking out the word "three," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *four* ;

Whereupon the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Braley, from the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

On motion of Mr. Long of Chittenden the House adjourned.

EVENING.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 120. An act changing the terms of the Supreme Court;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out all of section one, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. The Supreme Court shall hold two terms in each year, one at Montpelier, in the County of Washington, on the second Tuesday of October, and the other at Rutland in the County of Rutland, on the first Tuesday of May in each year, instead of the terms now prescribed by law, and it shall be the duty of all the Judges of such Court to attend during such terms.

That the bill be further amended by adding to section two the following :

“ Provided however, that if the parties to any such cause shall at the term of said Court when said cause is entered therein, agree in writing that such cause shall be continued to the then next succeeding term of said Court, said Court shall make the necessary order to carry such agreement into effect.”

Which was agreed to, and the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 192. An act to provide for a railroad police and for the better protection of passengers upon railroad trains and at railroad stations ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. The selectmen of any town or the mayor and aldermen of any city, may upon the petition of any company or persons owning, managing or using any railroad in this State, appoint from time to time, as they may deem necessary, such employees of such company or persons as such company or persons may designate, to act as policemen within and upon the premises and cars owned, managed or used by such company or persons, and they shall issue to every person so appointed, a commission to act as such policeman, and a copy of such commission shall be certified by such selectmen or mayor and aldermen, and filed by such railroad company or persons in the office of the secretary of state, and the filing of such copy shall constitute the person named therein policeman within this State. Such policemen shall hold their office during the pleasure of the selectmen, or mayor and aldermen by whom they are appointed, unless their powers shall be terminated as provided in section seven.

SEC. 2. Every such policeman, except passenger conductors, shall, when on duty, except as detectives, wear a metallic badge in plain view with the words " Railroad Police," and the name or initials of the name of the corporation for which he is appointed, enscribed thereon.

SEC. 3. It shall be lawful for all such policemen to arrest

without previous complaint or warrant, all such persons as are found intoxicated, or are guilty of profane swearing, vagrancy, breaches of the peace, assault or other offenses against the laws of this State, when such offenses shall be committed within or upon the premises and cars owned, managed or used by the company or persons upon whose petition they are appointed; and such offenders shall be taken in the act, or on the speedy information of others; and upon the complaint of such policemen such offenders shall be punished in the manner now provided by law. Provided, that if any person shall commit any offense against the laws of the State upon the railroad cars when in motion of any company or persons, such offenders may be conveyed to and tried for such offense in any town or city in this State on the line of the railroad owned, managed or used by such company or persons, which town or city shall not be more than twenty miles from the town or city in which such offense is committed.

SEC. 4. Whoever, without right, loiters or remains within any station house of a railroad company, or upon the platform or grounds adjacent to such station, after being requested to leave the same by any railroad policeman, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two or more than twenty dollars.

SEC. 5. If any person shall enter as a passenger upon any railroad train, and shall refuse to pay his fare, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than two or more than twenty dollars.

SEC. 6. The compensation of all railroad police shall be paid by the companies or persons upon whose petition they are respectively appointed, and such corporations shall be liable to parties aggrieved by any official misconduct of such railroad police to the same extent as they now are for the torts of agents and servants in their employ.

SEC. 7. Whenever any company or persons shall cease to require the services of any of the railroad police appointed upon their petition, they may file a notice to that effect in the office of

the Secretary of State, and thereupon the power of such officer shall cease.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was agreed to, and the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 345. An act to amend an act approved November 19, 1866, entitled "An act to amend section thirteen of chapter forty-seven of the General Statutes, entitled 'Of levy of executions.'"

By Mr. Woodbridge, from the same Committee,

H. 12. An act relating to trustee process.

S. 123. An act amending an act approved November 8, 1865, regulating fees of justices.

H. 384. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes."

By Mr. Batchelder, from the same Committee,

H. 362. An act in amendment of sections eight and nine, chapter one of the General Statutes, relating to elections.

H. 320. An act to amend section fourteen of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes.

By Mr. Martin, from the same Committee,

H. 363. An act for the better protection of buildings from fire in villages organized under the laws of this State.

By Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 348. An act to pay Henry P. Kent the sum therein named.

By Mr. Martin, from the Committee on Railroads,

H. 299. An act to incorporate the second mortgage bond-

holders of the Vermont Central Railroad Company, under the name of the "Central Railroad Company of Vermont."

By Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 313. An act relating to assignment of wages.

By Mr. Blake, from the Committee on the Grand List,

H. 210. An act in addition to an act entitled "An act providing for taxing bank stock in the several banking associations in this State, formed under the act of Congress, approved June 3, 1864, entitled 'An act to provide a National currency.'"

By Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 311. An act relating to elections.

By Mr. Sherwood, from the Committee on the Insane,

H. 378. An act for the protection of inmates of Insane Asylums.

By Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 298. An act to establish a Municipal Court in and for the village of Brattleboro.

S. 121. An act in addition to chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, relating to disclosures under section thirty-three.

H. 314. An act to repeal an act relating to suits in respect to patent rights, approved November 10, 1870.

By Mr. Batchelder, from the same Committee,

H. 178. An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the State of Vermont.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 144. An act to amend section thirty-three of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks ;"

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon, the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on the Reform School, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay expenses of the Reform School ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended, ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time, and passed in concurrence :

By Mr. Page from the Committee on Banks,

S. 84. An act to incorporate the Chittenden County Savings Bank.

By Mr. Blodgett from the Committee on Railroads,

S. 101. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled, " An act to incorporate the Brattleboro and Bennington Railroad Company," approved November 9, 1869.

By Mr. Safford from the Committee on Banks,

S. 104. An act to amend an act, entitled " An act to incorporate the West Fairlee Savings Bank and Trust Company."

By Mr. Colton from the Committee on Claims,

S. 96. An act to pay Samuel Burbank the sum therein named.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, and ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning :

By Mr. Du Bois, from the Select Committee on State Expenses.

S. 157. An act to provide for the printing of the Directory of the General Assembly.

By Mr. Crane from the same Committee,

S. 159. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and ten of the General Statutes.

By Mr. French from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 330. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act in relation to suits and proceedings in which a railroad corporation is, or may be a party, or interested," approved November 19, 1867.

By Mr. Patrick, from the General Committee,

S. 108. An act amending section fourteen of chapter eighteen of the General Statutes, on enlargement of burial grounds.

By Mr. Batchelder from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 139. An act in amendment of section nineteen of chapter fifty-three of the General Statutes.

By Mr. Sheldon from the Committee on Military Affairs,

S. 111. An act in addition to an act approved November 21, 1870, authorizing an engraved testimonial to Vermont soldiers.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 146. An act in amendment of section seventy-four, of chapter eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of commissioners ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out in lines six and seven, the words "the pleasure of the Governor," and insert in lieu thereof, the words, *the period of five years, unless sooner removed by the Governor.*

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted House bill entitled

H. 62. An act to pay the town of Rutland the sum therein named ;

Submitted the following report :

To the House of Representatives now in session :

Your committee further report that the claimants in this bill withdrew their claim for a reward, and presented before the committee a bill for the expenditures and time of the persons who procured the evidence upon which said Phair was convicted, said persons being the ones to whom said town of Rutland paid a portion of said reward of twenty-five hundred dollars. The amount of said bill is sixteen hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents. Of this amount eleven hundred and four dollars and fifty-nine cents is such expense and service as your committee have recommended the payment of in cases where no reward was offered.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JED P. LADD, *for Committee.*

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Sheldon of Rutland moved that the bill be amended by filling the blank in section one with the words *eleven hundred and four and fifty-nine one-hundredths dollars :*

Which was agreed to, and the bill as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Abell, from the Conference Committee, appointed on the part of the House upon the disagreeing vote on House bill entitled

H. 10. An act entitled an act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office, approved November 26, 1872 ;

Submitted the following report :

To the House of Representatives :

The committee appointed on the part of the House to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate, on the disagree-

ment of the two houses on House bill number ten, respectfully report that they have performed the duty assigned them, and recommend that the House amend said bill by inserting *forty*, instead of "sixty" in said bill, and that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

R. C. ABELL, *for Committee.*

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Ladd, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 842. An act to pay Samuel Taylor the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out the words "thirty-six," before the word "dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word *eighteen* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees, to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Bliss, from the General Committee,

H. 274. An act to change the name of Angie M. Lamb, to Angie M. Bruce Lowell.

By Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations,

H. 324. An act in amendment of an act to incorporate the village of St. Albans, approved November 18, 1859, and of the several amendments thereof, heretofore enacted.

Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 83. An act to pay Daniel C. Jones and Luke Parish the sum therein named ;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following substitute bill entitled

H. 392. AN ACT TO PAY DANIEL C. JONES THE SUM THEREIN NAMED.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. The auditor of accounts is hereby authorized and directed to draw an order on the treasurer of the State for the sum of twenty-two dollars, in favor of Daniel C. Jones, it being for services rendered and money expended by him in procuring the arrest and conviction of one James Peter Allen, for the crime of arson.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second time, and, under a suspension of the rules, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 202. An act allowing the libellant and libellee in cases of divorce, to be witnesses ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following :

SEC. 1. The libellant and libellee shall be competent witnesses in trials on libels for divorce, when the cause alleged in the libel is intolerable severity or wilful desertion, and either party to a libel for divorce may demand and have a trial by jury ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. Skeels, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message relating to Agriculture, and also relating to the Board of Agriculture, Manufactures and Mining ;

Reported, recommending the passage of the following bill entitled

**H. 393. AN ACT TO PREVENT AND SUPPRESS CONTAGIOUS
DISEASES AMONG DOMESTIC ANIMALS.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Every person bringing into this State any neat cattle or other animals which he knows to be infected with any infectious or contagious disease, or who shall expose such cattle or other animals, known to him to be so infected, to other cattle and animals not infected with such disease, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. The selectmen of the several towns may pass such ordinances as they may think proper, to prevent the spread of infectious or contagious diseases among cattle and other animals within their respective towns, and shall inquire into all violations of this chapter, and report the same to the governor for immediate prosecution.

SEC. 3. The governor may appoint a board of cattle commissioners, to consist of three members, whenever in his judgment the public safety may require, and may terminate their commissions whenever in his judgment the public safety may permit. The compensation of such commissioners shall not exceed three dollars each, per day, for actual service, in addition to their travelling and other expenses necessarily incurred.

SEC. 4. Such commissioners may prohibit the introduction of any cattle or other domestic animals into this State. And every person who shall bring, transport, or introduce any cattle or other domestic animals into this State, after said commissioners or any one of them shall have issued an order forbidding the same, or after the commissioners shall have published for five successive days an order in such newspapers published in this State as the commissioners may direct, forbidding such introduction, shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars for every offense, and

every officer or agent of any company, or other persons who shall violate such order, shall be subject to the fine aforesaid. In case of the introduction into this State of a number of cattle or other domestic animals, contrary to the orders of such commissioners, the introduction of each animal shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.

SEC. 5. Such commissioners shall endeavor to obtain full information in relation to any contagious disease which may prevail among cattle or other domestic animals near the borders of the State, and shall publish and circulate such information at their discretion; and should any such disease break out, or should there be reasonable suspicion of its existence among cattle or other domestic animals in any town in this State, they shall examine the cases and publish the result of their examination for the benefit of the public.

SEC. 6. If any person during the existence of said board shall sell or offer to sell any cattle or other domestic animals, or any part or parts thereof, known to him to be infected with any contagious disease, or with any disease dangerous to the public health, or shall sell or offer to sell milk from any such cattle or other domestic animals,—he shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 7. The commissioners may make all necessary regulations for the prevention, treatment, cure and extirpation of such disease; and the value of all cattle or other domestic animals killed by the written order of the commissioners shall be appraised by three disinterested persons to be appointed by the commissioners, such appraisal to be made just before the cattle or other domestic animals are killed; and the amount of such appraisal shall be paid by the State to the owner of such cattle or other domestic animals; and every person who shall fail to comply with any regulation by them so made shall be fined not more than

three hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than one year.

SEC. 8. Whenever the commissioners shall make and publish any regulations concerning the extirpation, cure or treatment of cattle or other domestic animals infected with, or which have been exposed to any contagious disease, such regulations shall supersede the regulations made by the authorities of the several towns and cities upon the same subject ; and the operation of such regulations made by said authorities shall be suspended during the time those made by the commissioners as aforesaid shall be in force.

SEC. 9. The commissioners shall keep a record of their doings and make a report of the same to the governor in the month of September next after their appointment, unless sooner required by the governor.

SEC. 10. All orders, appointments and notices from the commissioners, except the order of notice provided for in section four, shall bear the signature of the chairman and secretary.

SEC. 11. Every prosecution for a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be commenced within thirty days from the commission thereof.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second time, and under the rule *Ordered* to lie and the Clerk directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies thereof, for the use of the General Assembly.

House bill entitled

H. 368. An act to provide for the building a jail in the County of Rutland ;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Sheldon of Rutland, and pending the consideration of the first amendment proposed by the Committee, on motion of Mr. Abell, of West Haven, it was recommitted

To the Select Committee consisting of all the members from Rutland County.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage, and recommended that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill by adding to section one, after the word "intoxication," the words, *and the respondent pleads guilty* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill was ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

House bill entitled

H. 389. An act for the better enforcement of the acts concerning the capture of fish during the spawning season ;

Was taken up as unfinished business and ordered to be read the third time next Monday morning.

Mr. McFarland of Johnson introduced a bill entitled

H. 398. An act to pay Ashley Mott the sum therein named ;
Which was read the first and second time, and referred
To the Committee on Claims.

Hopse bill entitled

H. 177. An act annexing certain towns to the counties of Essex, Caledonia, Orange, Washington and Windsor, and changing the shires of Essex, Orange and Windsor counties, and for other purposes ;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? it was decided in the negative,—yeas 40 ; nays 118.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Henry of Chester, were taken, and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Newbury,	Haynes,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Andrew,	Henry,	Sturtevant,
Bailey,	Hinman,	Sulloway,
Barrett,	Hodgkins,	Taylor of Morgan,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Houghton,	Tilden,
Burbank,	Johnston,	Tracy,
Calderwood,	Lengfeld,	Ugoff,
Chadwick,	Morrissey,	Webster of Cabot,
Davis,	Patrick,	Webster of Franklin,
Eaton of Danville,	Randall,	Webster of Sudbury,
Foster,	Safford,	Wheeler,
Fuller,	Shaw,	Winchester—40.
Hamilton,	Shelton of Rutland,	
Hapgood,	Skinner,	

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	Frizzell,	Parker of Reading,
Alexander,	Gale,	Parsons,
Barnum,	Gillett,	Paul,
Bartlett,	Gleason,	Peake,
Birkett,	Goodrich,	Peck,
Bliss,	Guernsey,	Perry,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Hager,	Piney,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Hayward,	Pitkin,
Braley,	Hotchkiss,	Pollard,
Briggs,	Howard,	Potter,
Brookins,	Howe of Springfield,	Prindle,
Brown of Goshen,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Prouty,
Buchanan,	Hoyt,	Ranney of Athens,
Burnap of Somerset,	Hutchinson,	Reed,
Celley,	Jackman,	Richardson,
Chase,	Johnson of Vernon,	Roscoe,
Cheney,	Josselyn,	Rowland,
Clark of Jay,	Kelley,	Sargent of Norwich,
Colton,	Kelton,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Coolidge,	Kent,	Savage,
Crane of Bridport,	Kingsley,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Cummings,	Knight,	Shores,
Darling of Morristown,	Landon,	Simonds,
Dean,	Lazelle,	Stearns,
Dillingham,	Lincoln,	Sturges,
Drake,	Lindsay,	Swain,
Du Bois,	Long,	Tabor,
Eastman,	Lyford,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Lynde,	Thornton,
Eaton of Rochester,	McFarland,	Titus of Lemington,
Erwin,	McGregor,	Titus of Vershire,
Estey,	Mack,	Wales,
Evans,	Martin of Oke'sea,	Watts,
Everest,	Martin of Londonderry,	Webb,
Fairbanks,	Neison,	Wells,
Farrington,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Whitcher,
Fitch,	Newton of St. Albans,	White,
Follanshy,	Olmsted,	Wilbur,
Francis,	Page of Cambridge,	Willey—118.
French,	Parker of Putney,	

So the third reading of the bill was refused.

House bill entitled

H. 385. An act establishing a State board of health and vital statistics;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry.
Pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time?

On motion of Mr. Abell of West Haven, the House adjourned.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1876.

Reading of Scriptures and prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Swain of Rockingham offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the future deliberations of the House, members shall not speak to exceed five minutes

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 307. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Brattleboro," approved October 29, 1872, and of the several amendments thereof, heretofore enacted ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended as follows :

By adding at the close of section seven the following :

"Provided, however, that this act shall not be construed so as to allow the taking without the consent of the owner or owners of any aqueduct, now owned or laid by any individual or corporation, or the diverting of any waters now supplying such aqueduct or aqueducts, so as to diminish the supply of water now flowing into or through such aqueduct or aqueducts."

Also by striking out in section eighteen the word "five," before the words "hundred thousand," in the eleventh line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word *two*.

Also by striking out in section nineteen, before the words "hundred thousand," in the twentieth line, the word "two," and inserting in lieu thereof the word *one*.

Also by striking out in section twenty, the word "plurality," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word *majority*.

Also by striking out section "twenty-one," and inserting the following sections :

SEC. 21. The village of Brattleboro is hereby authorized to repair and rebuild, when necessary, all the bridges within the chartered limits of said village, thereby relieving the town of Brattleboro from all such expense.

SEC. 22. If any special damage shall happen to any person, his team, carriage, or other property by means of the insufficiency or want of repair of any sidewalk, highway or bridge, within the limits of such village, which such village is liable to keep in repair, the person sustaining such damages shall have the right to recover the same of said village, in an action on the case, in any court proper to try the same, in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided for in chapter twenty-five of the General Statutes of this State, providing for the liabilities of towns in like cases. The notice required to be given to any town for injuries received, or damage sustained through the insufficiency of any road or bridge, by the person injured or claiming damages, agreeably to section forty-two of chapter twenty-five of the General Statutes, and the act in amendment thereof, approved November 24, 1874, instead of being given to one or more of the selectmen of the town, shall be given to one or more of the bailiffs of said village.

SEC. 23. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, but this act shall not take effect until accepted by said village by a majority of the votes of the legal voters present at a meeting duly warned and holden for that purpose, nor until the assent thereto, in writing, of persons representing a majority of the grand list of said village shall be obtained.

Which amendments were agreed to.

Mr. Lynde of Marlboro moved to further amend the bill by striking out in the seventh and eighth lines of section three the

words, "except that the bailiffs shall act in the place of the selectmen;" also to strike out all of section three after the word "matters;"

Which amendments were agreed to.

Mr. Estey of Brattleboro moved to further amend the bill by inserting in the fourteenth section, after the word "property," the words *using said waters*;

Also, by striking out the first six lines of section twenty down to, and including the words "eight o'clock P. M.," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The election of bailiffs shall be by ballot upon one general ticket, and a plurality of votes shall be sufficient for an election; and at the first election of water commissioners, the three may be elected upon one ticket, the first named being for three years, the second for two years and the third for one year. For the election of all village officers, the ballot boxes shall be opened at three o'clock P. M., and remain open until eight o'clock P. M.;"

Which amendments were agreed to, and the bill as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Wales, from the Select Committee on Jails and Work-Houses, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 80. An act for the establishment and construction of a Work-House;

Reported in favor of its passage, recommending that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill in the following manner: by striking out in section two, third line, the words "November next," and insert in lieu thereof *September 1st, 1878.*

Also by striking out in section three in the fourth line the words "November next;" and insert in lieu thereof *September 1st, 1878.*

Also by striking out all of section four down to and including

the tenth line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 4. The governor shall appoint three commissioners, whose duty it shall be to ascertain if any county will contribute twenty thousand dollars towards the purchase of land and the erection of the work-house thereon in such county, on condition that such county shall have the use of the work-house for the purposes of a jail, as mentioned in section five of this act, and if any county shall make such contribution within one year from the passage of this act, the said commissioners shall thereupon proceed to select a proper site for the location of said work-house in such county, with proper grounds attached thereto, of not more than two hundred and fifty acres.

Also by striking out all of section five, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 5. The said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase land for such site, in such county in this State as will contribute the sum of twenty thousand dollars towards the establishment of said work-house; and when any county shall contribute the sum of twenty thousand dollars as aforesaid, and pay over the same to the treasurer of the State, said commissioners shall thereupon locate said work-house in such place in said county as in their judgment shall seem best, and immediately upon the purchase of said land and obtaining possession thereof, the said board of commissioners shall proceed to erect suitable buildings thereon for the detention and employment of all persons consigned thereto, and the county in which such work-house is located shall have a right to use the same for a common jail for said county, and the superintendent of such work-house shall perform the same duties, and be subject to the same liabilities of keepers of jails as provided in chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the General Statutes, so far as said work-house is used as a jail for said county. The building shall be arranged

for the complete separation of the sexes, and their separation shall be strictly maintained, except when assembled for moral or religious instruction. The said sum of twenty thousand dollars, when contributed by said county, and a further sum of twenty thousand dollars are hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing said site, and erecting buildings and enclosures thereon.

Also by striking out in section fourteen the words "and the first election of directors shall be made at the present session of the General Assembly;" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "the governor shall appoint the first directors, who shall hold their office from the date of their appointment; "

Which amendments were agreed to.

Mr. Lynde of Marlboro moved to further amend the bill by striking out in section nine the words "twentieth day of September," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *first day of August*;

Also by striking out the words "first day of October," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *thirty-first day of July*;

Also in the last line of said section strike out the word "August," and insert the word *July*;

Which amendments were agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill, as amended, be read the third time? it was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 125; nays, 85.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Evans of Moretown, were taken and are as follows:

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,
Adams of Newbury,
Andrew,
Bailey,
Barnum,
Barrett,
Bartlett,
Batchelder of Arlington,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,
Briggs,
Brookins,
Brown of Goshen,
Brown of Pawlet,
Brown of Waterford,
Buchanan,
Bucklin,

Burbank,
Burnap of Somerset,
Calderwood,
Celley,
Chadwick,
Chamberlin,
Cheney,
Colvin,
Coolidge,
Crandall,
Davis,
Dickerman,
Dillingham,
Du Bois,
Eaton of Rochester,
Eayres,

Edwards,
Estey,
Fairbanks,
Farrington,
Farwell,
Ford,
Foster,
Francis,
French,
Goodrich,
Guernsey,
Hagood,
Hayward,
Hemenway,
Henry,
Hinman,

Hedgkins,	Martin of Londonderry,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Hopkins,	Mason,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Houghton,	Morrissey,	Skinner,
Howard,	Needham,	Spaulding,
Howe of Springfield,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Stannard,
Hoyt,	Newton of St. Albans,	Stearns,
Huling,	Olmsted,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Isham,	Page of Groton,	Sturges,
Jackman,	Parker of Putney,	Sturtevant,
Jenkins of Burke,	Parker of Reading,	Sulloway,
Jenkins of East Haven,	Parsons,	Tabor,
Jennings,	Patrick,	Taylor of Morgan,
Johnson of Leicester,	Peck,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Johnston,	Pitkin,	Thornton,
Kelley,	Pollard,	Tilden,
Kelton,	Prindle,	Tyler,
Kingsley,	Ranger,	Uford,
Landon,	Kanney of Athens,	Wales,
Langfeld,	Ranney of Pittsfield,	Webb,
Lincoln,	Reed,	Webster of Franklin,
Lindsay,	Root,	Webster of Sudbury,
Long,	Roscoe,	Wells,
Lytford,	Russell,	Wheeler,
McFarland,	Sabin,	Wiley,
Macomber,	Sargent of Wilmington,	Winchester,
Martin of Chelsea,	Savage,	Woodbridge—125.

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,	Erwin,	Peake,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Evans,	Pearl,
Aldrich,	Everest,	Perry,
Alexander,	Farrand,	Pinney,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Fitch,	Potter,
Beers,	Follansby,	Prouty,
Birkett,	Franklin,	Randall,
Bliss,	Frizzell,	Richardson,
Bourne,	Fuller,	Romaine,
Boynton,	Gale,	Rose,
Braley,	Gillett,	Rowland,
Brigham,	Gleason,	Safford,
Bushnell,	Gray,	Sargent of Norwich,
Camp,	Hager,	Shaw,
Chase,	Hamilton,	Sherwood,
Clark of Jay,	Hotchkiss,	Shores,
Clark of Stratford,	Howe of Tunnbridge,	Skeels,
Colton,	Hutchinson,	Slayton,
Crane of Bridport,	Johnson of Vernon,	Swain,
Cummings,	Josselyn,	Templeton,
Darling of Morristown,	Kent,	Titus of Lemington,
Darling of Worcester,	Knight,	Titus of Vershire,
Dean,	Ladd,	Townshend,
Denny,	Lazelle,	Tracy,
Dewey,	Lynde,	Watts,
Drake,	Mack,	Webster of Cabot,
Eastman,	Nelson,	Whitcher,
Eaton of Danville,	Nichols,	Wilbur,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Pave of Cambridge,	Willis—85.
Ellis,	Paul,	

So the third reading of the bill was ordered.

Whereupon, under a suspension of the rules, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 133. An act in amendment of section eighty-three of chapter twenty-eight of the General Statutes, and an act in amendment thereof approved November 14, 1870, relating to railroads.

S. 99. An act in addition to and in amendment of "An act relating to insurance," approved November 24, 1874.

S. 102. An act to establish a uniform system of keeping railroad accounts, and the proper supervision thereof.

S. 161. An act in addition to section four of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes.

S. 162. An act to pay William P. Dillingham the sum therein named.

S. 165. An act to prohibit the use of any explosive material for the purpose of catching, killing or destroying fish.

S. 167. An act to pay Warren Noyes the sum therein named ;

And ask the House to pass the same in concurrence.

The Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution of thanks to Hon. Benjamin H. Hall ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 70. An act in amendment of section twenty-four, chapter thirty-six of the General Statutes.

H. 242. An act laying a tax on the grand list of and real estate in Avery's Gore in the county of Franklin.

H. 272. An act in relation to the annual meetings of the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association in Thetford.

H. 332. An act relating to the Reform School.

H. 207. An act in relation to bowling alleys.

H. 2. An act to amend section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

H. 246. An act relating to Normal Schools of this State.

H. 323. An act relating to the grand list.

H. 350. An act relating to the standard measure for milk ;
And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 260. An act to incorporate the Burlington Trust Company.

H. 284. An act to enable the pew-owners and proprietors of the Baptist Church in Whitingham Centre to dispose of the same.

H. 125. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to number sixty-three, entitled an act relating to liens reserved on property sold," approved November 21, 1872.

H. 189. An act in amendment of section twenty-three of an act entitled "An act for reorganizing the militia," approved November 27, 1872 ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

And the House are asked to concur in the adoption of the same.

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles :

S. 98. An act in amendment of an act relating to the division of property of school districts, approved November 27, 1872.

S. 93. An act providing for the labor of prisoners for safe keeping.

S. 23. An act to pay George Capron the sum therein named.

S. 118. An act in construction of an act entitled "An act in amendment of section seventeen of chapter one hundred and

twenty-six of the General Statutes, relating to fees of members of the General Assembly," approved November 19, 1866.

S. 74. An act to amend sections one and four of an act entitled "An act relating to the town and district systems of schools," approved November 26, 1872.

Mr. Celley of Fairlee offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the auditor of accounts be and is hereby requested to furnish the House with a statement of the cost of supporting prisoners in the jails of this State for the two fiscal years, ending respectively July 31, 1875 and July 31, 1876 ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Henry of Chester offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the governor be directed to appoint three commissioners, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the statutes now in force in relation to the confinement and treatment of the insane of our State, and see what changes are necessary, if any, in said laws ; also to inquire into the treatment of our insane, and determine what, if any, legislation is necessary, and transmit their report to the next session of the legislature ;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Insane, but afterwards, on motion of Mr. Henry, the reference was recalled, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? on motion of Mr. Abell of West Haven it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro moved that the vote whereby the House refused the third reading of House bill entitled

H. 255. An act changing the shire town in Orleans County ;
Be reconsidered, which motion was lost.

Senate bill entitled

S. 108. An act amending section fourteen of chapter eighteen of the General Statutes, "On enlargement of burial grounds ;"

Was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

House bill entitled

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner-Sprague, Jr., the sum therein named ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative,—yeas 115 ; nays 72.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Eaton of Danville, were taken, and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Hayward,	Potter,
Andrew,	Henry,	Ranney of Athens,
Bailey,	Hinman,	Reed,
Barnum,	Hopkins,	Richardson,
Barrett,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Romaine,
Bartlett,	Hoyt,	Rood,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Huling,	Roscoe,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Isham,	Rose,
Blake,	Jackman,	Russell,
Boynton,	Jenkins of Burke,	Sabin,
Braley,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Safford,
Brown of Goshen,	Jennings,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Brown of Pawlet,	Johnson of Leicester,	Savage,
Brown of Waterford,	Kelley,	Shaw,
Bushnell,	Kelton,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Celley,	Kingsley,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Chadwick,	Ladd,	Skinner,
Chamberlin,	Landon,	Slayton,
Coolidge,	Lazelle,	Spaulding,
Crandall,	Lengfeld,	Sturges,
Crane of Bridport,	Lincoln,	Sturtevant,
Cummings,	Long,	Swain,
Denny,	McFarland,	Tabor,
Dewey,	Macomber,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Dillingham,	Martin of Chelsea,	Templeton,
Du Bois,	Martin of Londonderry,	Tyler,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Mason,	Ufford,
Eayres,	Needham,	Wales,
Edwards,	Nelson,	Watts,
Erwin,	Newton of St. Albans,	Webb,
Estey,	Olmsted,	Webster of Franklin,
Everest,	Page of Cambridge,	Webster of Sudbury,
Farwell,	Parker of Putney,	Wilbur,
Ford,	Parsons,	Willey,
Foster,	Patrick,	Winchester,
Francis,	Peake,	Woodbridge,
French,	Peck,	Wright—115.
Goodrich,	Pinney,	
Guernsey,	Pollard,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	Bliss,	Camp,
Adams of Newbury,	Bourn,	Chase,
Altirich,	Brigham,	Cheney,
Alexander,	Buchanan,	Clark of Stratford,
Beers,	Burt,	Coburn,
Birkett,	Calderwood,	Colton,

Orane of Williamstown,
 Darling of Morristown,
 Darling of Worcester,
 Dickerman,
 Drake,
 Eastman,
 Eaton of Danville,
 Ellis,
 Evans,
 Fairbanks,
 Farrand,
 Farwell,
 Follansby,
 Franklin,
 Fuller,
 Gale,
 Gleason,
 Hamilton,

Hapgood,
 Hemenway,
 Hodgkins,
 Hotchkiss,
 Howard,
 Howe of Springfield,
 Hutchinson,
 Johnston,
 Josselyn,
 Kent,
 Knight,
 Lyford,
 Lynde,
 McGregor,
 Mack,
 Newton of Mount Helly,
 Nichols,
 Page of Groton,

Parker of Reading,
 Perry,
 Pitkin,
 Prindle,
 Prouty,
 Ranger,
 Sherwood,
 Simonds,
 Stannard,
 Stearns,
 Stoddard of Fayston,
 Tilden,
 Titus of Vershire,
 Townshend,
 Tracy,
 Webster of Cabot,
 White,
 Willis—72.

So the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Bradford, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed :

H. 330. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act in relation to suits and proceedings in which a railroad corporation is, or may be a party, or interested," approved November 19, 1867.

H. 335. An act to prevent illegal voting in certain cases.

H. 192. An act to provide for a railroad police and for the better protection of passengers upon railroad trains and at railroad stations.

H. 389. An act for the better enforcement of the acts concerning the capture of fish during the spawning season.

H. 247. An act defining graded schools, and graded school districts.

H. 202. An act allowing the libellant and libellee in cases of divorce to be witnesses.

Mr. Huling of Bennington offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Quartermaster General is hereby authorized to take to Bennington, during the week of the 16th of August next, the cannon captured in the Battle of Bennington, to be used under his supervision on the occasion of the Bennington celebration.

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

House bill entitled

H. 279. An act for the advancement of anatomical science ;

Was read the third time. The question being, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the negative,—yeas 89 ; nays 108.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Abell of West Haven, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Frizzell,	Pollard,
Adams of Newbury,	Gillett,	Prindle,
Alexander,	Goodrich,	Randall,
Bailey,	Guernsey,	Romaine,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Hapgood,	Rood,
Blake,	Hinman,	Roscoe,
Bliss,	Hotchkiss,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Houghton,	Savage,
Brookins,	Howe of Springfield,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Brown of Pawlet,	Huling,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Bucklin,	Hutchinson,	Sherwood,
Calderwood,	Jackman,	Skinner,
Chase,	Josselyn,	Spaulding,
Clark of Jay,	Kelley,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Coburn,	Kingsley,	Sturtevant,
Crandall,	Ladd,	Swain,
Crane of Bridport,	Landon,	Tabor,
Darling of Morristown,	Lazelle,	Taylor of Morgan,
Dewey,	Lengfeld,	Templeton,
Dickerman,	Lincoln,	Thornton,
Du Bois,	Long,	Titus of Lemington,
Eaton of Danville,	Lynde,	Tyler,
Eaton of Middlesex,	McFarland,	Wales,
Erwin,	Martin of Chelsea,	Watts,
Everest,	Martin of Londonderry,	Webb,
Farrand,	Needham,	Webster of Franklin,
Farrington,	Newton of St. Albans,	White,
Farwell,	Olmsted,	Willis,
Foster,	Parker of Putney,	Woodbridge— 89.
Francis,	Parker of Reading,	
French,	Peck,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,	Birkett,	Brown of Waterford,
Aldrich,	Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Buchanan,
Andrew,	Bourn,	Hurbank,
Barnum,	Hoynton,	Burnap of Calais,
Barrett,	Briggs,	Burt,
Bartlett,	Brigham,	Bushnell,
Beers,	Brown of Goshen,	Coley,

Ohadwick,	Hopkins,	Prouty,
Chamberlin,	Howard,	Ranger,
Clark of Strafford,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Ranney of Athens,
Colvin,	Hoyt,	Ranney of Pittsfield,
Coolidge,	Isham,	Reed,
Crane of Williamstown,	Jenkins of Burke,	Rose,
Cummings,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Rowland,
Darling of Worcester,	Johnson of Leicester,	Russell,
Davis,	Johnson of Vernon,	Sabin,
Dean,	Johnston,	Sargent of Norwich,
Denny,	Kelton,	Savage,
Drake,	Kent,	Shaw,
Eastman,	Knight,	Shores,
Eaton of Rochester,	Lindsay,	Slayton,
Eayres,	Lyford,	Stearns,
Ellis,	Mack,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Evans,	Macomber,	Tilden,
Fairbanks,	Mason,	Titus of Vershire,
Fitch,	Morrissey,	Townshend,
Follansby,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Tracy,
Ford,	Nichols,	Ufford,
Franklin,	Page of Cambridge,	Webster of Cabot,
Fuller,	Page of Groton,	Webster of Sudbury,
Gale,	Parsons,	Wheeler,
Hager,	Patrick,	Whiticher,
Hamilton,	Paul,	Wilbur,
Hayward,	Pearl,	Wiley,
Hemenway,	Perry,	Winchester—108.
Henry,	Pitkin,	
Hodgkins,	Potter,	

So the passage of the bill was refused.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 155. An act relating to the foreclosure of mortgages.

S. 170. An act to pay Daniel B. Emerson the sum therein named ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 392. An act to pay Daniel C. Jones the sum therein named ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

House bill entitled

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass ? on motion of Mr. Paul of Pomfret, the bill was committed to a member, with instructions to amend the bill in the

following manner : by adding at the close of section one the following words :

“Or when notified by the listers of any town in this State that any person having a deposit in such bank, has removed to such town, shall neglect or refuse to make return to such listers for the year of such notice, and to the town clerk thereafter, as above provided, shall be liable to a like penalty ; ”

Which amendment was made by the Clerk, and the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

House bill entitled

H. 385. An act establishing a State Board of Health and Vital Statistics ;

Was taken up on motion of Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro, the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? and on motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry, was committed to a member (Mr. Martin), with instructions to amend by striking out in section four the words, “ for salary,” and the amendment was made by the Clerk. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? it was decided in the negative,—yeas 76 ; nays 123.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Abell of West Haven, were taken and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	Edwards,	Landon,
Barrett,	Erwin,	Lazelle,
Batshelder of Arlington,	Estey,	Lengfeld,
Blake,	Farwell,	Lincoln,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Foster,	Martin of Londonderry,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Franklin,	Newton of St. Albans,
Brown of Pawlet,	Gillett,	Olmsted,
Brown of Waterford,	Guernsey,	Parker of Putney,
Buchanan,	Hager,	Parker of Reading,
Burbank,	Henry,	Parsons,
Bushnell,	Hinman,	Prindle,
Calderwood,	Hotchkiss,	Randall,
Camp,	Houghton,	Reed,
Celley,	Howe of Springfield,	Roscoe,
Chamberlin,	Isham,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Chener,	Jackman,	Savage,
Clark of Jay,	Jenkins of Burke,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Colton,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Coolidge,	Kelley,	Sherwood,
Crandall,	Kelton,	Skeels,
Dewey,	Kingsley,	Skinner,
Eaton of Danville,	Knight,	Sprague,

Stannard,
Stearns,
Stoddard of Fayston,
Sturtevant,
Taylor of Morgan,

Taylor of Sherburne,
Templeton,
Tyler,
Uford,
Watts,

Webb,
Wells,
Willey,
Woodbridge—78.

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,
Abell of West Haven,
Alexander,
Barnum,
Bartlett,
Batchelder of Lincoln,
Beers,
Birkett,
Bliss,
Bourn,
Boynton,
Braley,
Brigham,
Brookins,
Brown of Goshen,
Bucklin,
Burnap of Calais,
Burt,
Chadwick,
Chase,
Clark of Stratford,
Coburn,
Colton,
Coolidge,
Crandall,
Crane of Williamstown,
Darling of Morristown,
Darling of Worcester,
Davis,
Dean,
Denny,
Dickerman,
Dillingham,
Drake,
Ellis,
Evans,
Everest,
Fairbanks,
Farrand,
Farrington,
Fitch,
Follansby,

Ford,
Francis,
French,
Frizzell,
Fuller,
Gale,
Gleason,
Goodrich,
Hamilton,
Hapgood,
Hayward,
Hemenway,
Hodgkins,
Howard,
Howe of Tunbridge,
Hoyt,
Huling,
Hutchinson,
Jennings,
Johnson of Leicester,
Johnson of Vernon,
Johnston,
Joacelyn,
Kent,
Lindsay,
Long,
Lyford,
Lynde,
McFar and,
McGregor,
Mack,
Macomber,
Martin of Chelsea,
Morrissey,
Needham,
Nelson,
Newton of Mount Holly,
Nichols,
Page of Cambridge,
Page of Groton,
Patrick,
Paul,

Peake,
Pearl,
Peck,
Perry,
Pollard,
Potter,
Prouty,
Ranney of Athens,
Ranney of Pittsfield,
Richardson,
Romaine,
Rood,
Rose,
Rowland,
Russell,
Sabin,
Safford,
Sargent of Norwich,
Savage,
Shaw,
Shores,
Slayton,
Spanking,
Sulloway,
Swain,
Tabor,
Thornton,
Tilden,
Titus of Lemington,
Titus of Vershire,
Townshend,
Tracy,
Wales,
Webster of Cabot,
Webster of Sudbury,
Wheeler,
Whitcher,
White,
Wilbur,
Winchester—123.

So the third reading of the bill was refused.

House bill entitled

H. 120. An act changing the terms of the Supreme Court ;

Was taken up, and pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, it was

Ordered to lie.

House bill entitled

H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay expenses of the Reform School ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the

bill pass? on motion of Mr. Eaton of Danville, the bill was committed to a member with instructions to be amended by striking out sections two, three and four, and on motion of Mr. Estey of Brattleboro, the bill was further amended by striking out the words "one dollar," wherever it occurs, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words *fifty cents*;

Which amendments were made by the Clerk, and the bill as amended was passed.

House bill entitled

H. 297. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to compel children to attend school," approved November 23, 1870 ;

Was read the third time, and pending the question, Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. Estey of Brattleboro, the bill was dismissed.

House bill entitled

H. 187. An act to abate and suppress nuisances ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Batchelder of Arlington moved that it be committed to a member with instructions to amend by striking out the words "for six months," in section two, and inserting after the word "occurs" the words *for six months after he has been notified* ;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment made by the Clerk.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry moved that the bill be committed to a member with instructions to further amend the same by striking out all after the word "or," in said section, and insert in lieu thereof the following : "For the second conviction under this act, the penalty shall be a fine of twenty dollars, and imprisonment in the county jail thirty days." The question being, Shall the bill be amended as proposed by Mr. Martin? Mr. Eaton of Danville demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit :

Will the House agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Martin ? which was decided in the negative ;

Whereupon, the bill as amended was passed.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he on the twenty-fourth day of November approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz. :

H. 35. An act to pay Melvin F. Pike the sum therein named.

H. 138. An act granting powers to school districts and to school directors.

H. 6. An act in amendment of sections fourteen and fifteen of chapter twenty of the General Statutes.

H. 208. An act to pay Calvin J. Weld the sum therein named.

And on the twenty-seventh of November bills of the following titles :

H. 41. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bloomfield for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

H. 146. An act entitled an act to pay the town of Pawlet the sum therein named.

H. 214. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Barre.

H. 220. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Cavendish for the year 1876.

H. 225. An act to incorporate the Dime Savings Bank of Cavendish.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 168. An act to suppress vagrancy.

S. 156. An act relating to State printing and to stationery.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 62. An act to pay the town of Rutland the sum therein named.

H. 237. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Maidstone for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

H. 247. An act defining graded schools and graded school districts.

H. 335. An act to prevent illegal voting in certain cases.

H. 316. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Mount Holly for the year 1876.

H. 342. An act to pay Samuel Taylor the sum therein named.

H. 389. An act for the better enforcement of the acts concerning the capture of fish during the spawning season ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

A message from the Senate by **Mr. Brownell**, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 365. An act laying a tax on the grand list of the real estate of Avery's and Buel's gores.

H. 391. An act making provision for the support of government.

H. 278. An act to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 191. An act to amend section fourteen of chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

Senate bill entitled

S. 117. An act to amend section nineteen, chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to the studies in common schools ;

Was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass in concurrence ? Mr. Martin of Londonderry moved that it be committed to a member with instructions to amend by striking out the words "free hand drawing ;"

Which was disagreed to, and the bill passed in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence, with proposals of amendment :

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

S. 145. An act in relation to the rendition of fugitives from justice.

S. 146. An act in amendment of section seventy-four, of chapter eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of commissioners.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence :

S. 138. An act relating to jailers' fees.

S. 139. An act in amendment of section nineteen of chapter fifty-three of the General Statutes.

S. 144. An act to amend section thirty-three of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

S. 127. An act to protect fish.

S. 157. An act to provide for the printing of the Directory of the General Assembly.

S. 158. An act in amendment of section eight, of chapter seventeen of the General Statutes.

S. 159. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and ten of the General Statutes.

S. 111. An act in addition to an act approved November 21, 1870, authorizing an engraved testimonial to Vermont soldiers.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to request the House to return to the possession of the Senate House bill entitled

H. 160. An act to pay the town of Guilford, in the county of Windham, the sum therein named.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate that said bill had been sent to the Governor for his approval, and is therefore without the control of the House.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times, and referred as follows:

S. 99. An act in addition to and in amendment of "An act relating to insurance," approved November 24, 1874;

To the Committee on Corporations.

S. 102. An act to establish a uniform system of keeping railroad accounts, and the proper supervision thereof;

To the Committee on Railroads.

S. 133. An act in amendment of section eighty-three of chapter twenty-eight of the General Statutes, and an act in amendment thereof approved November 14, 1870, relating to railroads;

To the Committee on Railroads.

S. 155. An act relating to the foreclosure of mortgages;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 162. An act to pay William P. Dillingham the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

S. 161. An act in addition to section four of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes ;

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 165. An act to prohibit the use of any explosive material for the purpose of catching, killing or destroying fish ;

To the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

S. 167. An act to pay Warren Noyes the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

S. 170. An act to pay Daniel B. Emerson the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

Joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

WHEREAS, Hon. Benjamin H. Hall, of Troy, New York, has presented to the State of Vermont the original finding of the coroner's inquest held March 15, 1775, upon the body of William French, the proto-martyr of the American Revolution, killed at Westminster, March 13, 1775, which document was received by the Governor of this State, March 13, 1875 ;

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives,
That the thanks of the General Assembly are tendered to Hon. Benjamin H. Hall for his gift, and the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit to him a copy of this resolution.

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Newton of St. Albans offered the following joint resolution :

WHEREAS, J. S. Patterson, of Philadelphia, who has had charge of the Vermont building during the recent centennial exhibition, won general good favor by his courtesy and attention to all who have visited it ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Auditor of Accounts is hereby authorized to draw an order upon the Treasurer in favor of J. S. Patterson, for the sum of _____ dollars, as a partial recognition by the State of Vermont of his valuable services so generously bestowed.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the full salary provided by law for each of said officers, upon the rising of the present session of the Legislature.

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Henry of Chester offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the pay of the assistant sergeant-at-arms, and clerk, engineers, sweepers and night watchman, for the present session, be at the rate of three dollars per day.

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Thetford, the House adjourned.

EVENING.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees, to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed :

By Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 347. An act to protect persons and property in the vicinity of water reservoirs in this State.

By Mr. Webster, from the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries,

H. 289. An act to repeal an act in relation to the duties of highway surveyors.

By Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 203. An act to enable the Danby East Village Union Society to dispose of its meeting-house.

By Mr. Wales, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 356. An act in relation to the discharge of trustees in certain cases.

By Mr. Roscoe, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 394. An act to pay Ashley Mott the sum therein named.

By Mr. Peck from the General Committee,

H. 213. An act to change the name of a certain person therein named.

By Mr. Erwin, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries,

H. 321. An act to protect fish in the north branch of the Hoosic River and its tributaries.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Peck, from the General Committee,

H. 367. An act requiring butchers or meat pedlers to pay a license.

By Mr. Andrew, from the General Committee,

H. 364. An act authorizing the raising of Horse Pond, in the town of Greensboro.

By Mr. Colton from the Committee on Claims,

H. 263. An act to pay Bial Warner the sum therein named

H. 317. An act to pay John Q. A. Bass the sum therein named.

By Mr. Swain, from the Committee on Railroads,

H. 168. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the West River Railroad Company, and all acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof.

By Mr. Hinman, from the Committee on Corporations,

H. 264. An act to repeal an act in amendment of section thirty-two of chapter sixteen of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the organization of village corporations and fire districts," approved November 21, 1864.

By Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 128. An act to pay William H. Preston the sum therein named.

S. 107. An act to pay William Quinlan the sum therein named.

By Mr. Roscoe, from the same Committee,

H. 354. An act to pay Archibald Dwinell the sum therein named.

By Mr. Adams, from the same Committee,

H. 375. An act to pay Ira P. Harrington the sum therein named.

By Mr. Erwin, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries

H. 269. An act to protect fish in White River and its tributaries.

H. 258. An act to protect fish in Silver's Pond.

H. 201. An act to protect fish in Fairlee Pond.

H. 355. An act to protect fish in Lemon Fair.

H. 312. An act to protect fish in West River and its tributaries.

H. 340. An act to protect fish in Mad River and its tributaries.

By Mr. Denny, from the Committee on Claims,

H. 269. An act to pay W. N. Chase the sum therein named.

By Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries,

H. 55. An act for the better preservation of black bass in Franklin Pond.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 373. An act to incorporate the Alburgh Cemetery Association ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by inserting, after the name "Charles H. Clarke," the names *William Honsinger, B. Gordon, John Carl, and John McGregor*. Also that section one be further amended by filling the blank in the twelfth line with the word *two*.

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Wales, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 188. An act to annex the town of Greensboro to the county of Caledonia ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Lynde of Marlboro, it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Safford, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 809. An act to annex the town of Concord to the county of Caledonia ;

Reported adversely to its passage. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Andrew of Brighton it was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Eayres, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 249. An act to pay Samuel L. Thompson the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by striking out the words "seventy dollars and four cents," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *fifty dollars* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Colton, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 285. An act to pay R. W. Nye the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. There shall be paid to R. W. Nye on the order of the auditor of accounts, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per year, out of the treasury of the State of Vermont, the same to be paid in the month of December, in each year, it being in consideration of a permanent injury received by said Nye while in the service of the State, and on duty as captain of company "H," first Vermont State Militia, Cavalry.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which amendment was agreed to—yeas, 96 ; nays, 28.

Whereupon the bill was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the negative—yeas, 92 ; nays, 105.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Abell of West Haven, were taken and are as follows:

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	Follanshy,	Potter,
Aldrich,	Franklin,	Prindle,
Bailey,	Freeman,	Ranger,
Barrett,	Frizzell,	Romaine,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Gale,	Rood,
Blake,	Goodrich,	Rowland,
Bliss,	Hemenway,	Sabin,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Henry,	Sargent of Norwich,
Bourn,	Howe of Springfield,	Savage,
Boynton,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Shaw,
Brookins,	Hoyt,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Brown of Waterford,	Huling,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Burbank,	Isham,	Sherwood,
Bushnell,	Jackman,	Skinner,
Celley,	Jenkins of Burke,	Spaulding,
Chamberlin,	Jennings,	Sprague,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Johnson of Leicester,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Clark of Stratford,	Josselyn,	Sturgess,
Coburn,	Kingsley,	Sulloway,
Colton,	Knight,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Coolidge,	Landon,	Titus of Lemington,
Crandall,	Lindsay,	Townsend,
Cummings,	Mack,	Tracy,
Dartmouth of Worcester,	Morrissey,	Tyler,
Davis,	Needham,	Waics,
Denny,	Olmsted,	Watts,
Dillingham,	Page of Groton,	Webb,
Du Bois,	Parker of Putney,	Webster of Franklin,
Edwards,	Parsons,	Winchester,
Everest,	Paul, —	Woodbridge—92.
Farrington,	Peck,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,	Foster,	Parker of Reading,
Adams of Newbury,	Francis,	Peake,
Alexander,	French,	Pitkin,
Andrew,	Fuller,	Pollard,
Barnum,	Gillett,	Prouty,
Bartlett,	Gleason,	Randall,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Guernsey,	Ranney of Athens,
Beers,	Hager,	Reed,
Birkett,	Hamilton,	Richardson,
Braley,	Hapgood,	Roscoe,
Briggs,	Hayward,	Rose,
Brown of Goshen,	Hodgkins,	Russell,
Brown of Pawlet,	Hopkins,	Safford,
Buchanan,	Hotchkiss,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Bucklin,	Howard,	Skeels,
Bunap of Calais,	Hutchinson,	Slayton,
Burt,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Spear,
Chadwick,	Johnson of Vernon,	Stearns,
Chace,	Johnston,	Sturtevant,
Cheney,	Kelley,	Swain,
Crane of Bridport,	Kelton,	Tabor,
Crane of Williamstown,	Kent,	Taylor of Morgan,
Darling of Morristown,	Ladd,	Templeton,
Dean,	Lazelle,	Thornton,
Dickerman,	Langford,	Tilden,
Drake,	Lincoln,	Titus of Vershire,
Eastman,	Long,	Ufford,
Eaton of Danville,	Lyford,	Webster of Cabot,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Lynde,	Webster of Sudbury,
Eaton of Rochester,	McFarland,	Wells,
Hayes,	McGregor,	Wheeler,
Ellis,	Maconber,	Whitcher,
Erwin,	Martin of Oke'sea,	White,
Estey,	Martin of Londonderry,	Wilbur,
Evans,	Mason,	Willey,
Farwell,	Neison,	Willie,
Fitch,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Wright—105.
Ford,	Nichols,	

So the passage of the bill was refused.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 379. An act to repeal an act in amendment of sections eight and nine of chapter one hundred and twenty of the General Statutes, relating to crimes and punishments, approved November 25, 1872, also an amendment of section seven of said chapter, approved November 20, 1874, and an act "relating to crimes and punishments ;"

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows: . . . by striking out the second, third and fourth sections thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 2. Sections seven, eight and nine of said chapter one hundred and twenty of the General Statutes, are hereby revived and declared to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. Convicts in the State Prison shall be allowed to receive and read any newspapers printed in this State, and such newspapers printed without the State as shall be approved by the superintendent of the prison.

Which amendments were disagreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. Henry of Chester it was dismissed.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 67. An act to pay Harrison Gates the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by filling the blank in section one with the words *twenty-nine and seventeen one-hundredths* ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Eayres, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 372. An act to pay Milo B. Williamson the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended by filling the blank in section one with the words *one hundred and sixty-six*.

Pending the consideration of which amendment, on motion of Mr. Calderwood of Greensboro, the bill was dismissed.

Mr. Sabin, from the Committee on the Grand List, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message relating to the grand list, reported, recommending the passage of the following bill entitled

H. 395. AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAXATION OF DEPOSITS IN SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS, SAVINGS BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of every institution of savings banks or savings banks and trust companies in this State, on the first Monday of April in each year, to transmit to the town clerk, for the benefit of the listers, of each town in this State, the name of every person in said town having money deposited in said institution for savings, savings bank, or savings bank and trust company, with a statement of the amount each person had deposited therein on the first day of said month of April.

SEC. 2. If the treasurer of said institution for savings, savings bank, or savings bank and trust company, shall neglect or refuse to make return to any town clerk as required by this act, the said savings institution, savings bank, or savings bank and trust company, of which he is treasurer, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars for every such neglect, to be recovered by an action on the case in the name and for the benefit of the town to which such report should have been made.

SEC. 3. All deposits in savings institutions, savings banks, or savings banks and trust companies, in this State, shall be subject to taxation in the same manner and under the same restrictions as other personal property.

SEC. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Which was read the first and second times, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Lynde of Marlboro moved that the bill be dismissed, which motion was lost. Whereupon the bill, under the rule, was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, recommending the passage of the following bill entitled

H. 896. AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION FIFTEEN OF CHAPTER SIXTY-THREE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. An act entitled an act to amend section fifteen of chapter sixty-three of the General Statutes, relating to limitations of actions, approved November 4, 1869, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. The proviso of said fifteenth section of chapter sixty-three is hereby re-enacted, and shall read as follows:

"Provided, that the provisions of said section shall not extend to any cause of action occurring in any other State or government, when either party thereto, at the time of the occurring of such action, was a resident of such other State or government."

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Which was read the first and second times, and, under the rule, was

Ordered to lie.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 89. An act to establish courts of insolvency, and to provide for the equal distribution of the effects of insolvent debtors:

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. French of Woodstock moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill in the following manner: To strike out all after the word "be," in the third line of section twenty-three, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Discontinued, and the debtor's estate settled in the probate court in the way provided by law for the settlement of deceased persons' estates."

Also to add at the end of section forty-three the following:

"The costs in all suits where attachments and levies are dissolved under this section, may be proved and allowed with the debt against the debtor."

Which amendments were agreed to, and the question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? Mr. Randall of Hyde Park moved that the bill be dismissed, which was decided in the negative—yeas 20, nays 172.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Randall, were taken, and are as follows:

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Adams of Enosburgh,	Fuller,	Nichols,
Chase,	Hemenway,	Page of Cambridge,
Davis,	Howard,	Pitkin,
Dean,	Hutchinson,	Randall,
Drake,	Johnson of Vernon,	Shores,
Eaton of Rochester,	Kent,	Willis—20.
Francis,	Knight,	

Those members who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Celley,
Adams of Newbury,	Bourn,	Chadwick,
Aldrich,	Boynton,	Cheney,
Alexander,	Braley,	Clark of Jay,
Andrew,	Brookins,	Clark of Stockbridge,
Bailey,	Brown of Goshen,	Clark of Stratford,
Barnum,	Brown of Pawlet,	Coburn,
Barrett,	Brown of Waterford,	Colton,
Bartlett,	Buchanan,	Colvin,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Bucklin,	Coolidge,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Burbank,	Grandall,
Beers,	Burnap of Calais,	Crane of Bridport,
Birkett,	Burt,	Crane of Williamstown,
Blake,	Bushnell,	Cummings,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Calderwood,	Darling of Morristown,

Darling of Worcester,	Johnson of Leicester,	Rowland,
Denny,	Johnston,	Russell,
Dewey,	Josselyn,	Sabin,
Dickerman,	Kelley,	Safford,
Dillingham,	Kelton,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Du Bois,	Kingsley,	Shaw,
Eastman,	Knight,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Eaton of Danville,	Ladd,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Landon,	Sherwood,
Eayres,	Lazelle,	Simonds,
Edwards,	Lengfeld,	Skceels,
Ellis,	Lincoln,	Skinner,
Erwin,	Lindsay,	Slayton,
Estey,	Lyford,	Spaulding,
Evans,	McFarland,	Spear,
Everest,	McGregor,	Sprague,
Fairbanks,	Mack,	Stearns,
Farrand,	Martin of Chelsea,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Farwell,	Martin of Londonderry,	Sturkess,
Fitch,	Nason,	Sturtevant,
Follansby,	Morrissey,	Sulloway,
Ford,	Needham,	Swain,
Foster,	Nelson,	Taylor of Morgan,
Franklin,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Freeman,	Newton of St. Albans,	Templeton,
French,	Olmsted,	Thornton,
Gale,	Page of Groton,	Titus of Lemington,
Gleason,	Parker of Putney,	Titus of Verahire,
Goodrich,	Parker of Reading,	Townshend,
Gray,	Parsons,	Tracy,
Guernsey,	Paul,	Tyler,
Hager,	Peake,	Uford,
Hamilton,	Pearl,	Wales,
Hapgood,	Peck,	Watts,
Hayward,	Perry,	Webb,
Henry,	Pinney,	Webster of Cabot,
Hinman,	Pollard,	Webster of Franklin,
Hodgkins,	Potter,	Webster of Sudbury,
Hopkins,	Prindle,	Wells,
Hotchkiss,	Prouty,	Wheeler,
Howe of Springfield,	Ranger,	Whitcher,
Howe of Tunbridge,	Stanney of Athens,	White,
Hoyt,	Reed,	Wilbur,
Huling,	Richardson,	Willev,
Isham,	Romaine,	Winchester,
Jackman,	Rood,	Woodbridge—173.
Jenkins of Burke,	Roscoe,	
Jenkins of East Haven,	Rose,	

So the House refused to dismiss the bill, and on motion of Mr. Blake of Barton, rule twenty-five was suspended, and the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence, with proposals of amendment.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill entitled

S. 80. An act for the establishment and construction of a work house;

And have concurred therein, with a proposal of amendment

to said amendments, and they ask the House to concur therein.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bills of the following titles :

S. 145. An act in relation to the rendition of fugitives from justice.

S. 146. An act in amendment of section seventy-four of chapter eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of commissioners ;

And have concurred therein.

House bill entitled

H. 120. An act changing the terms of the Supreme Court;
Was taken up on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock.
The question being, Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 97, nays 82.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. French of Woodstock, were taken, and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Eaton of Middlesex,	Roscoe,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Eayres,	Rowland,
Adams of Newbury,	Ellis,	Russell,
Bailey,	Estey,	Sabin,
Barrett,	Evans,	Safford,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Everest,	Savage,
Blake,	Farrand,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Francis,	Skeels,
Braley,	Gale,	Skinner,
Briggs,	Goodrich,	Slayton,
Brookins,	Guernsey,	Spaulding,
Brown of Pawlet,	Hapgood,	Spear,
Brown of Waterford,	Hayward,	Sprague,
Buchanan,	Henry,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Caldenwood,	Hotchkiss,	Sturtevant,
Celley,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Sulloway,
Chadwick,	Hoyt,	Swain,
Cheney,	Jackman,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Clark of Jay,	Jenkins of Burke,	Templeton,
Clark of Stratford,	Kelley,	Tilden,
Coburn,	Kingsley,	Titus of Vershire,
Colvin,	Lyford,	Townshend,
Crane of Williamstown,	Mack,	Tyler,
Cummings,	Nelson,	Uford,
Darling of Morristown,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Watts,
Darling of Worcester,	Newton of St. Albans,	Webb,
Davis,	Parker of Putney,	Webster of Cabot,
Denny,	Parker of Reading,	Webster of Sudbury,
Dewey,	Pitkin,	Wells,
Dickerman,	Pollard,	Willey,
Dillingham,	Potter,	Winchester,
Du Bois,	Ranger,	Woodbridge—97.
Eastman,	Reed,	
Eaton of Danville,	Richardson,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Aldrich,	Gleason,	Morrissey,
Andrew,	Hager,	Nichols,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Hamilton,	Page of Cambridge,
Birkett,	Hinman,	Parsons,
Bliss,	Hodgkins,	Paul,
Bourn,	Howard,	Peck,
Boynton,	Howe of Springfield,	Perry,
Brown of Waterford,	Hulling,	Prindle,
Buchanan,	Hutchinson,	Prouty,
Burnap of Calais,	Isham,	Randall,
Burt,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Ranney of Athens,
Bushnell,	Johnson of Vernon,	Romaine,
Chamberlin,	Johnston,	Rood,
Chase,	Josselyn,	Rose,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Kelton,	Sargent of Norwich,
Colton,	Kent,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Coolidge,	Ladd,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Crandall,	Landon,	Sherwood,
Craze of Bridport,	Lazelle,	Stearns,
Dean,	Langfeld,	Stoddard of Poultney,
Eayres,	Lincoln,	Sturgess,
Farwell,	Lindsay,	Wals,
Fitch,	Long,	Webster of Franklin,
Follansby,	Lynde,	Wheeler,
Franklin,	McFarland,	White,
French,	McGregor,	Wilbur,
Fuller,	Macomber,	Willis—82.
Gillett,	Martin of Chelsea,	

So the bill passed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered joint resolutions from the House as follows :

Joint resolution relating to the salaries of the Clerk of the House, and Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Joint resolution relating to the pay of employees.

Joint resolution relating to instructing the Quartermaster General ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to a bill entitled

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

And have refused to concur therein.

The Senate have adopted on their part a joint resolution relating to the battle of Hubbardton ;

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to the House proposal of amendment to Senate bill entitled

S. 80. An act for the establishment and construction of a work house.

The Senate propose to the House to amend their proposal of amendment in the following manner: By adding to section five the following words:

“And the directors of said work house and the judges of said county may make all necessary repairs upon said buildings in the future, in case they can agree upon the proportion of the expense of such repairs to be borne by the State and said county respectively; and in case they cannot agree, said directors and said judges may apply to the supreme court, at any regular term thereof, in any county in this State, for the appointment of three commissioners, who shall examine said buildings and determine and direct what repairs shall be made thereon, and apportion the expense thereof between said county and the State as to them shall seem just.”

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 256. An act to pay Charles Morgan the sum therein named.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows: To add to section one the words, “And the sum herein named

shall be apportioned among the several savings banks and trust companies in this State, and collected of them by the State treasurer as provided by said act."

And the House concurred therein.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times and referred as follows :

S. 156. An act relating to State printing and stationery ;
To the Select Committee on State Expenses.

S. 168. An act to suppress vagrancy ;
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Peck, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 135. An act authorizing the keeping of a jail register ;
Reported in favor of its passage when amended by inserting in the third line, in section one, after the word "book," the words *at the expense of the State*.

Also that the blank in section three be filled with the words *not less than five*.

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Brandon, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1876.

Mr. Newton of St. Albans offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Sergeant-at-Arms, by and with the approval of the Governor and the Speaker of the House, is hereby authorized to procure the construction, for Representatives' Hall, of an apparatus to be manufactured under Letters Patent of the United States No. 173,673, for the purpose of recording, printing and counting the ayes and nays : provided, that the State shall not in any event be subjected to any expense for the right to use the same.

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on State Expenses.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House, that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

S. 152. An act relating to appeals in chancery in Franklin County.

S. 66. An act in addition to chapter twenty-nine of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of the court of chancery ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Jr., the sum therein mentioned.

H. 154. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of West Windsor for the year 1874;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 327. An act for the discharge of poor criminals from jail ;
And have refused to pass the same.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second times, and referred as follows :

S. 66. An act in addition to chapter twenty-nine of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of the court of chancery ;
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 152. An act relating to appeals in chancery in Franklin County ;
To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Select Committee on State Expenses, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 156. An act relating to State printing and to stationery ;
Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 87. An act in relation to parties and appeals in the probate court, and in addition to chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes ;

Reported in favor of its passage, and recommended that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill by adding to section one the following words :

“Provided, that the surety so appealing in such case shall, before the appeal shall be allowed, give a bond, as well to secure his principal from damages and costs as to secure the intervening damages and costs to the adverse party.”

Which was agreed to, and the bill read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment.

Mr. Wales, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 3. An act in addition to chapter fifty-one of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the administration and distribution of intestate estates ;"

Reported in favor of its passage, and recommended that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill in the following manner: By striking out the first section of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 1. If any person entitled to a distributive share of the estate of any deceased person, shall have been or shall be absent and unheard of for a period of fifteen years, five years of which shall be after the death of such deceased person, or shall have been or shall be absent and unheard of for a period of twenty-five years, two years of which shall be after the death of such deceased person, the probate court may order the share of such absent person to be distributed among his lineal heirs, if any he has, otherwise among the heirs of such deceased person. Provided, if such absent person shall prove to be alive, he shall be entitled to his share of such estate, notwithstanding the distribution thereof as aforesaid, and may sue for and recover, in an action on the case for money had and received, any portion thereof which any one may have received under such order of the probate court. Provided, further, that before an order shall be made for the payment or distribution of any money or estate as herein authorized, the probate court shall cause notice to be given in the same way that notice is now required by law to be given on settlement of an administrator's account, and such other notice by publication or otherwise as the court shall deem proper.

Also, by adding at the end of said section the following, viz. :
" Provided, if such absent person shall prove to be alive, he shall

be entitled to his estate, notwithstanding the settlement and distribution thereof in manner aforesaid, and may sue for and recover, in an action on the case for money had and received, any portion thereof which any one may have received in settlement and distribution thereof as aforesaid.

Which was agreed to, and the bill read the third time and passed in concurrence, with proposals of amendment.

Mr. French, from the same Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 119. An act in amendment of section seven of chapter one hundred and twenty of the General Statutes, relating to crimes and punishments, and for other purposes ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time? on motion of Mr. French it was recommitted

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Webster, from the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 142. An act providing for the protection of highways from obstructions by snow drifts ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington called up Senate bill entitled

S. 79. An act to encourage the training of common school teachers ;

The question being, Will the House reconsider its vote refusing the passage of the bill? Mr. Sprague of Brandon demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit: Will the House reconsider its vote refusing the passage of the bill? which was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon the bill passed in concurrence.

Mr. Sprague of Brandon called up House bill entitled

H. 395. An act to provide for the taxation of the deposits in savings banks, savings institutions, or savings banks and trust companies ;

And moved to amend section three by inserting after the words " all deposits," the words *above the sum of fifty dollars ;*

Which was agreed to.

The question being, Shall the bill pass? Mr. Martin of Londonderry demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit Shall the bill pass? which was decided in the affirmative—yeas 109, nays 80.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Estey of Brattleboro, were taken, and are as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Follansby,	Nichols,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Ford,	Page of Cambridge,
Alexander,	Foster,	Parsons,
Bailey,	Francis,	Peake,
Barnum,	Franklin,	Perry,
Batchelder of Arlington,	Freeman,	Pitkin,
Batchelder of Lincoln,	Fuller,	Prindle,
Birkett,	Gale,	Randall,
Blake,	Gillett,	Ranger,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Goodrich,	Ranney of Athens,
Braley,	Guernsey,	Ranney of Pittsfield,
Briggs,	Hager,	Romaine,
Brookins,	Hamilton,	Roscoe,
Brown of Goshen,	Hayward,	Russell,
Brown of Pawlet,	Hazleton,	Sabin,
Brown of Waterford,	Hotchkiss,	Safford,
Buchanan,	Howard,	Savage,
Burnap of Calais,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Sheldon of Rutland,
Burt,	Hoyt,	Simonds,
Celley,	Huling,	Spear,
Chadwick,	Hutchinson,	Sprague,
Chamberlin,	Isham,	Stannard,
Chase,	Jenkins of Burke,	Stoddard of Fayston,
Cheney,	Jenkins of East Haven,	Sturges,
Clark of Jay,	Jennings,	Sturtevant,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Johnson of Leicester,	Tabor,
Clark of Strafford,	Johnston,	Taylor of Morgan,
Crane of Bridport,	Kelley,	Thornton,
Crane of Williamstown,	Kelton,	Titus of Vershire,
Cummings,	Kent,	Uford,
Denny,	Kingsley,	Webster of Cabot,
Drake,	Ladd,	Webster of Franklin,
Eaton of Danville,	Landon,	Webster of Sudbury,
Eaton of Rochester,	Lazelle,	Wells,
Ellis,	Long,	Willey,
Evans,	Lyford,	Willie,
Everest,	McFarland,	Winchester,
Farrand,	Mack,	Wright—109.
Farwell,	Martin of Londonderry,	
Fitch,	Nelson,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of West Haven,	Eayres,	Potter,
Adams of Newbury,	Estey,	Prouty,
Aldrich,	French,	Reed,
Andrew,	Gleason,	Richardson,
Barrett,	Hapgood,	Rood,
Bartlett,	Henry,	Rose,
Bliss,	Hinman,	Rowland,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Hopkins,	Sargent of Norwich,
Bourn,	Jackman,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Boynon,	Johnson of Vernon,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Brigham,	Josselyn,	Sherwood,
Bucklin,	Lincoln,	Skinner,
Burbank,	Lindsay,	Slayton,
Bushnell,	Lynde,	Spaulding,
Calderwood,	McGregor,	Stearns,
Camp,	Macomber,	Swain,
Coburn,	Martin of Chelsea,	Tabor,
Colton,	Mason,	Taylor of Sherburne,
Coolidge,	Morrissey,	Templeton,
Crandall,	Newton of St. Albans,	Tilden,
Darling of Worcester,	Newton of Mount Holly,	Townshend,
Dean,	Page of Groton,	Tyler,
Dewey,	Parker of Putney,	Wales,
Dickerman,	Patrick,	Watts,
Du Bois,	Pearl,	Webb,
Eastman,	Peck,	Wheeler,
Eaton of Middlesex,	Pollard,	White—80.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Sheldon, from the Select Committee to whom was recommended House bill entitled

H. 368. An act to provide for building a jail in the county of Rutland ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by striking out the whole of section one and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. Redfield Proctor of Rutland, Cyrus Jennings of Hubbardton, and Lyman Batcheller of Wallingford, are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of acting in behalf of the county of Rutland for the erection of a jail, in connection with a State work-house, in the county of Rutland, provided the commissioners hereafter to be appointed by the Governor of Vermont shall locate such work-house in said county ; and said commissioners are hereby authorized to sell the old jail and lot, and also the new jail lot, so called, and shall pay the avails thereof over to the county treasurer, and may draw their order on the said treasurer for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, in favor of the treasurer of the State of Vermont. Said commissioners shall

not in any manner pledge the credit of the county for any sum in excess of said twenty thousand dollars, including the amount received from the sale of said old jail and the two jail lots.

Also by filling the blank in section two with the word *nine*, and by adding to the end of said section the following :

“ But said tax is not to be assessed unless the State workhouse is located in said county of Rutland, and in such manner as in the opinion of said commissioners to answer the requirements of the county for a jail ; ”

Which amendments were agreed to, and the bill read the third time and passed, as amended.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 169. An act construing section two of an act to enable towns and cities to aid in the construction of railroads ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 347. An act to protect persons and property in the vicinity of water reservoirs in this State.

H. 356. An act in relation to the discharge of trustees in certain cases.

H. 361. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Pownal, for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 388. An act to amend an act entitled “ An act to incorporate the village of Barton,” approved November 21, 1874 ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

Senate bill entitled

S. 169. An act construing section two of an act to enable towns and cities to aid in the construction of railroads ;

Was read the first and second time and referred .

To the Committee on Railroads.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time, and passed in concurrence :

By Mr. Barrett, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries,

S. 165. An act to prohibit the use of any explosive material for the purpose of catching, killing or destroying fish.

By Mr. Andrew, from the General Committee,

S. 106. An act to authorize the removal of obstructions from Paul Stream.

By Mr. Blodgett, from the Committee on Railroads,

S. 183. An act in amendment of section eighty-three of chapter twenty-eight of the General Statutes, and an act in amendment thereof approved November 14, 1870, relating to railroads.

By Mr. Henry, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 91. An act relating to witnesses in civil cases.

By Mr. Page, from the Committee on Banks,

S. 160. An act relating to Savings Banks and Trust Companies.

Mr. French of Woodstock called up House bill entitled

H. 158. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses ;

And the question being, Will the House concur in the fourth amendment proposed by the Senate? it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 187. An act in relation to the charter of the Winooski Flouring Company, and changing the name of said company ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 153. An act in amendment of an act to amend an act in amendment of and in addition to chapter one of the General Statutes, entitled " Of elections," approved November 18, 1870 ;

Reported adversely to its passage. The question being, Shall the bill be read the third time ? on motion of Mr. Batchelder it was recommitted

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 102. An act to establish a uniform system of keeping railroad accounts, and the proper supervision thereof ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time, and the question being, Shall the bill pass ? Mr. Swain of Rockingham moved to amend the bill by inserting in section one, after the word " Maine," the word *Massachusetts* ;

Which was agreed to, and the bill passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 131. An act relating to the State Library ;

Reported in favor of its passage, and recommended that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill as follows : by adding at the end of the second section the following :

" And the State Librarian shall pay for the services of a mes-

senger, if needed by him, and for all other assistance needed in the care and management of the Library ; ”

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

Mr. Henry of Chester called up joint resolution relating to the Insane of the State and their treatment. The question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ? Mr. Batchelder of Arlington moved that it be ordered to lie, which motion was lost. Mr. Gale of Elmore demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit : Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ? which was decided in the affirmative.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

H. 290. An act to repeal an act entitled “ An act relating to vagrants,” approved November 3, 1864.

By Mr. Webster, from the Committee on Highways, Bridges and Ferries,

H. 185. An act granting a ferry to John O’Neil.

By Mr. Lynde, from the Committee on Ways and Means,

H. 252. An act relating to State printing and stationery.

Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 369. An act to provide for the removal of incompetent overseers of the poor ;

Reported in favor of its passage, when amended, by striking out all of said bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION SEVENTY-ONE OF CHAPTER FIFTEEN
OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. Section seventy-one of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following :

Provided, that no order drawn by the overseer of the poor shall be paid by the town treasurer, or be of any force as an obligation against the town, unless such order shall have the approval of the first selectman of the town endorsed thereon.

SEC. 1. This act shall take effect from and after its passage ;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended read the third time and passed.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 382. An act in addition to chapter forty-nine of the General Statutes, entitled " Wills ;"

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Ladd of Alburgh moved to reconsider the vote refusing the passage of House bill entitled

H. 385. An act to pay R. W. Nye the sum therein named ;

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 360. An act requiring the recording of bonds given to the probate court ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out all of section one after the words, " and provided by law," in the fourth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following : *It shall be the duty of the register of said court to record the same in some suitable book kept for that purpose ;*

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Eayres, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 69. An act to pay N. R. Reed the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out the words, "thirty-nine dollars and sixty-five cents," and inserting in lieu thereof the words *sixteen dollars and fifty-seven cents* ;

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Roscoe, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 194. An act to pay Chauncey Bryant the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by filling the blank in section one with the words *fifty-four dollars*.

Whereupon the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Du Bois, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 288. An act to authorize the trustees of Corinth Academical Institute to transfer the Academy building and other property ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out all of section one, after the word "Institute," in the third line ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Du Bois, from the same Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 295. An act in addition to an act to establish the Cookeville Graded School District ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended in the second line of section two, by inserting after the figures "1869" the words *and all acts in amendment thereof* ;

Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Kelton, from the General Committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled

H. 109. An act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in this State ;

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

SEC. 1. Each and every medical society, organized under a charter from the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, shall at each annual session thereof elect a board of censors, consisting of three members, who shall hold their office till others are elected ; which board shall have authority to examine and license practitioners of medicine, surgery and midwifery, as provided in subsequent sections of this act.

SEC. 2. Every practitioner of medicine, surgery, or midwifery, who by sign or advertisement offer their services to the public as practitioners of either medicine, surgery or midwifery, or who by such sign or advertisement assume the title of doctor, shall be required to obtain a certificate of some one of the medical societies of the State, either from a county, district (meaning or embracing more than a county), or State society, which certificate shall set forth that said censors have found the person to whom it is given qualified to practice all the branches of medical art mentioned in it ; the certificate shall be substantially in the following form :

CERTIFICATE.

No. State of Vermont, county of
This may certify that the undersigned board of censors have
found of in the county of
and State of qualified in the following branches of
the medical profession :

and therefore license him to practice said branches within this State.

} Board of Censors
of
} Medical Society.

SEC. 3. Such certificate shall be recorded in a book provided and kept for the purpose by the county clerk of each county in the State, which book shall bear the title and inscription and shall be styled the medical register of _____ county, and the fee for recording the same shall be twenty-five cents.

SEC. 4. Any person to whom a certificate is issued by a board of censors, as herein provided, shall cause the same to be recorded in the medical register of the county in which he actually resides if a resident of the State; if not a resident of the State, in the county where he obtains such certificate; and for failure or neglect to record the same within thirty days after its issue, the person so neglecting shall be liable to a fine of twenty-five dollars; and any person who shall practice medicine, surgery or midwifery in this State, or who shall sign a certificate of death for purposes of burial or removal, whose aforesaid certificate is not recorded in the manner aforesaid, shall be liable to the same penalties provided in section eight of this act for the punishment of persons who shall practice without a certificate.

SEC. 5. The censors of each medical society aforesaid, shall in their discretion notify all practitioners of medicine, surgery or midwifery in this State of the terms and requirements of this act, and shall require such persons so notified to comply therewith within thirty days after such notification, or within such further time as may be allowed by special permission of such censors, not exceeding ninety days.

SEC. 6. Any person not a resident of this State, shall be required to obtain a certificate from some board of censors in this State, and cause the same to be recorded as herein provided be-

fore he shall be permitted to practice the medical art within this State.

SEC. 7. Each board of censors shall issue certificates without fee to all physicians and surgeons who furnish evidence by diploma from some medical college or university, or by certificate of examination by some authorized board, which shall, after due investigation, satisfy said censors that the person so presenting such credentials has been, after due examination by a legally authorized board, deemed properly and adequately qualified to practice the branches mentioned in such diploma or certificate. Any certificate issued by any board of censors as herein provided shall be valid throughout the State after being duly registered. Said censors shall also have power to revoke or annul any certificate, if in their judgment the person holding it has obtained it fraudulently, or has, by crime or misdemeanor, whereof such person shall have been duly convicted, forfeited all right to public confidence.

SEC. 8. It is hereby declared a misdemeanor for any person to practice medicine, surgery, or midwifery in this State, unless authorized so to do by a certificate as herein provided. And any person found guilty of such misdemeanor shall for the first offense be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars; for any subsequent offense not less than two hundred nor more than five hundred dollars; which fine may be recovered by an action of debt for the use of any person who shall sue therefor, or by an indictment.

SEC. 9. No person practicing either of the branches of medicine, surgery, or midwifery within this State, without a certificate as provided in this act, shall be permitted to enforce, in any of the courts of this State, the collection of any fee or compensation for any services rendered, or medicine or material of any kind furnished, in the practice of any of the branches not mentioned in such certificate.

SEC. 10 This act shall not be construed to apply to the practice of dentistry, nor to the practice of midwifery by females in the town or locality in which they reside, nor to those practitioners of medicine who have resided five years in the town or city of their present residence.

Which amendment was agreed to ;

Whereupon the bill as amended was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Evans of Moretown moved that the House do now adjourn, which was lost.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Jr., the sum therein named.

The Senate propose to the House to amend said bill by adding the following sections :

SEC. 2. The auditor of accounts is also hereby directed to draw an order on the treasurer of the State for a sum not exceeding twenty three hundred and fifty dollars, in favor of M. S. Colburn, P. P. Pitkin and J. A. Page, executive committee of centennial subscription fund for furnishing, warming and caring for the Vermont Centennial Headquarters at Philadelphia, to be received by said committee in trust and by them paid to the several persons who contributed towards said fund in the same sums which they contributed. Provided, that said order shall be sufficient in amount only to refund those who are willing to receive their subscriptions back, and to pay all expenses incurred by said committee in the care of said headquarters, after disposing of all property now in their possession and purchased by said fund.

SEC. 3. The auditor of accounts is hereby also directed to draw an order on the treasurer of the State, in favor of Joseph Patterson, for the sum of five hundred dollars, in payment for his

services voluntarily rendered as superintendent in the care of said house for the six months of said exhibition.

The question being, Will the House concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate? Mr. Evans of Moretown demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit: Will the House agree to the amendments proposed by the Senate? It was decided in the negative—yeas 17, nays 148.

The yeas and nays having been demanded by Mr. Eaton of Danville, were taken, and are as follows:

Those gentlemen are voted in the affirmative are Messrs.

Barrett,	Isham,	Skinner,
Blodgett of St. Johnsbury,	Landon,	Spaulding,
Eayres,	Martin of Chelsea,	Taylor of Sherburne.
Katey,	Needham,	Webster of Cabot.
Foster,	Newton of St. Albans,	Webster of Franklin—17.
Hinman,	Parsons,	

Those gentlemen who voted in the negative are Messrs.

Abell of Orwell,	Davis,	Kelley,
Abell of West Haven,	Dean,	Kelton,
Adams of Enosburgh,	Denny,	Kent,
Aldrich,	Dewey,	Knight,
Alexander,	Drake,	Lazelle,
Barnum,	Du Bois,	Lincoln,
Bartlett,	Eastman,	Long,
Beers,	Eaton of Danville,	Lynde,
Birkett,	Eaton of Middlesex,	McGregor,
Blake,	Ellis,	Mack,
Bliss,	Evans,	Martin,
Blodgett of Bloomfield,	Everest,	Morrissey,
Bourn,	Farrand,	Nelson,
Boynton,	Farrington,	Newton of Mount Holly,
Braley,	Follansby,	Nichols,
Briggs,	Ford,	Olmsted,
Brookins,	Francis,	Page of Cambridge,
Brown of Pawlet,	Franklin,	Page of Groton,
Brown of Waterford,	Freeman,	Parker of Putney,
Bucklin,	Frizzell,	Parker of Reading,
Buchanan,	Fuller,	Paul,
Burnap of Calais,	Gale,	Pearl,
Burt,	Gleason,	Peck,
Caldierwood,	Goodrich,	Pitkin,
Celley,	Guernsey,	Pollard,
Chadwick,	Hayer,	Potter,
Chamberlin,	Hamilton,	Prindle,
Chase,	Hapgood,	Prouty,
Cheney,	Hayward,	Randall,
Clark of Jay,	Hemenway,	Ranger,
Clark of Stratford,	Hopkins,	Ranney of Athens,
Clark of Stockbridge,	Hotchkiss,	Reed,
Coburn,	Houghton,	Richardson,
Colton,	Howard,	Romaine,
Coivin,	Howe of Springfield,	Rose,
Coolidge,	Howe of Tunbridge,	Rowland,
Crandall,	Hoyt,	Russell,
Crane of Bridport,	Hutchinson,	Safford,
Cummings,	Johnson of Leicester,	Sargent of Norwich,
Curtis,	Johnson of Vernon,	Sargent of Wilmington,
Darling of Morristown,	Johnston,	Sheldon of Rupert,
Darling of Worcester,	Josselyn,	Sheldon of Rutland,

Sherwood,
Simonds,
Slayton,
Stearns,
Stoddard of Fayston,
Sturges,
Sturtevant,
Suloway,

Swain,
Tabor,
Taylor of Morgan,
Thornton,
Tilden,
Titus of Vershire,
Tracy,
Tyler,

Uford,
Watts,
Webster of Sudbury,
Wheeler,
White,
Wilbur,
Winchester,
Wright-148.

So the House refused to concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have reconsidered their third proposal of amendment to a House bill entitled

H. 158. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses ;

And insist upon the same, and they ask the House to appoint a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, to consist of three members of the House.

The Senate have appointed, as the Committee of Conference on their part,

Senator Grout,

“ Walton,

“ Williams.

Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the joint resolution providing for the adjournment without day of the two Houses at five o'clock P. M. of this day, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the two Houses adjourn without day at 12 o'clock M. of Wednesday, the 29th instant.

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? Mr. Eaton of Danville moved to amend by striking out “ 12 M.,” and inserting in lieu thereof “ 12.30 A. M.”

Pending the consideration of which amendment, on motion of Mr. Peck of Ira, the resolution was:

Ordered to lie.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

S. 110. An act to pay William G. Elkins the sum therein named.

S. 154. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and thirteen, section twenty-six, of the General Statutes;

And ask the House to pass the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to bills of the following titles:

S. 3. An act in addition to chapter fifty-one of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the administration and distribution of intestate estates."

S. 87. An act in relation to parties and appeals in the Probate Court, and in addition to chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes.

S. 89. An act to establish courts of insolvency and to provide for the equal distribution of the effects of insolvent debtors;

And have concurred therein.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 187. An act to abate and suppress nuisances.

H. 135. An act authorizing the keeping of a jail register;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered a joint resolution from the House in relation to the Insane of the State, and the statutes in relation to their confinement and treatment;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Chair announced as the Committee of Conference on the part of the House, on House bill entitled

H. 158. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses ;

Which the House ordered agreeably to the request of the Senate :

Mr. French of Woodstock,

“ Colton of Irasburgh,

“ Batchelder of Arlington.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Moretown the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 153. An act entitled an act to amend an act in amendment of and in addition to chapter one of the General Statutes, entitled “Of elections,” approved November 18, 1870 ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Colton, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 170. An act to pay Daniel B. Emerson the sum therein named ;

Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am hereby directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 202. An act allowing the libellant and libellee in cases of divorce to be witnesses.

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks ;
And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment ;

In the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay expenses of the Reform School.

H. 368. An act to provide for the building of a jail in the county of Rutland ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first and second time and referred as follows :

S. 110. An act to pay William G. Elkins the sum therein named ;

To the Committee on Claims.

S. 154. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and thirteen, section twenty-six, of the General Statutes ;

To the General Committee.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon House bill entitled

H. 158. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses ;

Reported, recommending to their respective Houses that the Senate recede from their proposed amendments ;

Which report was adopted on the part of the House.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, favorably, read the third time and passed in concurrence :

By Mr. Colton, from the Committee on Claims,

S. 162. An act to pay William P. Dillingham the sum therein named.

By Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 152. An act relating to appeals in chancery in Franklin County.

By Mr. Eayres, from the Committee on Claims,

S. 167. An act to pay Warren Noyes the sum therein named.

By Mr. Colton, from the Committee on Claims,

S. 110. An act to pay William G. Elkins the sum therein named.

By Mr. Denny, from the same Committee,

S. 126. An act to pay Ezra P. Wood the sum therein named.

By Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 58. An act to provide for the distribution of Roberts' Digest.

S. 43. An act in amendment of section seventy of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes, relating to appeals from justices of the peace.

S. 161. An act in addition to section four of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes.

By Mr. Peck, from the General Committee,

S. 154. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and thirteen, section twenty-six of the General Statutes.

Bills of the following titles were severally reported from the various committees to whom they had been referred, adversely, and their third reading refused :

By Mr. Abell, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 149. An act in addition to an act entitled an act to amend section four of chapter one hundred and eight of the General Statutes, approved November 8, 1869.

By Mr. French, from the same Committee,

H. 293. An act for the protection of personal liberty.

S. 119. An act in amendment of section seven of chapter one hundred and twenty of the General Statutes, relating to crimes and punishments, etc.

By Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

S. 155. An act relating to the foreclosure of mortgages.

By Mr. Martin, from the Committee on Railroads, without an expression of opinion,

S. 169. An act construing section two of an act to enable towns and cities to aid in the construction of railroads.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a joint resolution relating to the probate judges of Bennington County, reported adversely to its adoption. The question being, Shall the resolution be adopted in concurrence? it was decided in the negative.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles, viz.:

H. 10. An act entitled "An act in addition to section twenty-five of chapter thirty-three of the General Statutes, relating to the attachment of personal property by copy left in the town clerk's office," approved November 26, 1872.

H. 2. An act to amend section nine of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

H. 70. An act in amendment of section twenty-four, chapter thirty-six of the General Statutes.

H. 207. An act in relation to bowling alleys.

H. 242. An act laying a tax on the grand list of and real estate in Avery's Gore in the county of Franklin.

H. 272. An act in relation to the annual meetings of the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association in Thetford.

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- H. 323. An act relating to the grand list.
- H. 332. An act relating to the Reform School.
- H. 350. An act relating to the standard measure for milk.
- H. 392. An act to pay Daniel C. Jones the sum therein named.
- H. 391. An act making provision for the support of government.
- H. 270. An act to pay John L. Tuttle the sum therein named.
- H. 276. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Deerfield River Railroad Company."
- H. 95. An act to pay E. N. Smith the sum therein named.
- H. 18. An act to authorize the proprietors of the Saxton's River Meeting-House, or the Saxton's River Meeting-House Society, to sell to school district number ten in Rockingham, and six in Westminster, their remaining interest in the Saxton's River Village Meeting-House.
- H. 246. An act relating to the Normal Schools of this State.
- H. 229. An act to increase the efficiency of the Militia.
- H. 197. An act laying a tax on the county of Bennington.
- H. 228. An act conferring additional powers upon the trustees of the Vermont Reform School.
- H. 234. An act repealing an act approved November 12, 1874, entitled "An act in relation to the two parishes in the town of Westminster."
- H. 235. An act in relation to the appointment of guardians for married women in certain cases.
- H. 806. An act annexing that portion of the town of Fair Haven lying west of Poultney River, to the State of New York.
- H. 377. An act laying a tax on the county of Franklin.
- Mr. Skeels, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the resolution relating to the Agricultural College fund, reported recommending the adoption of the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That a commission consisting of the Hon. Nathan T. Sprague, Jr., of Brandon, Hon. Harmon Canfield of Arlington, and Hon. Henry C. Belden of St. Johnsbury, be appointed to enquire whether the interest upon the Agricultural fund now paid to the University of Vermont, is appropriated in accordance with the act of Congress of July 2, 1862, with power to send for persons and papers, and report the first week of the next biennial session of the legislature the expenses of such commission to be paid by the State.

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? Mr. Eaton of Danville demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House and the main question ordered and put, to wit: Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? it was decided in the negative.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered their proposal of amendment to a House bill entitled

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Jr., the sum therein mentioned;

And insist upon the same, and they ask the House to appoint a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, to consist of three members of the House.

The Senate have appointed as the committee on their part:

Senator Spaulding,

“ Butterfield,

“ Grout.

The question being, Will the House accede to the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Jr., the sum therein named ;

It was decided in the affirmative, and the Speaker announced as such committee on the part of the House :

Mr. Henry of Chester,

“ Huling of Bennington,

“ Kelton of Montgomery.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

In line nine strike out the word “five,” and insert the word *one*.

Strike out after the word “made” in the fourteenth line the rest of the section ;

And the House refused to concur therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 154. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of West Windsor for the year 1874.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Insert in the thirteenth line of section one, after the word “same” the words *out of such estate*.

Add to section one the following :

“Provided, however, that no such tax shall be deemed legal and valid unless the laws requiring notice of the amount of such assessment, and the time and place of hearing before the listers relative thereto, shall have been complied with so far as the giving of such notice to the administrator or executor ;”

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 189. An act in amendment of section twenty-three of an act entitled "An act for reorganizing the militia," approved November 27, 1872.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out all after the word "amended" in section one, and insert the following :

"So as to read as follows : There shall be annually between the first day of August and the twenty-fifth day of September in each year, a parade of each regiment and battery for drill, discipline, inspection and review ;"

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 202. An act allowing the libellant and libellee in causes of divorce to be witnesses.

The Senate propose to the House to amend House bill 202 as follows :

Strike out all of section one after the word "desertion," in the fifth line ;

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 331. An act relating to the officers and management of the State prison.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by adding at the end of section three the words : *They shall also purchase all material necessary for employing the prisoners ;*

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 111. An act in amendment of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows
Insert in line four, section one, after the word "common," the words *burial ground or cemetery*.

In the seventh line of the same section, after the word "fifty," strike out the word "or," and insert in lieu thereof the word *nor* ;

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 388. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Barton, approved November 21, 1874.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by adding a section as follows :

Sec. 3. This act shall be subject to the general laws of this State, to alter, amend or repeal, as the public good may require.

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 22. An act to enable the pew owners and proprietors of the old Congregational meeting-house in Barton village to dispose of the same.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out of section five all after the word "sell" in the fifth line and insert in lieu thereof the following :

"Said house at public auction, of which notice shall be given by posting notice in three public places in said Barton, at least fourteen days before the sale, and whose deed shall be sufficient to convey the title of said pew-owners to the purchasers thereof. Provided, that the heirs and assigns of the grantor of the site of said meeting-house shall join in the deed ;"

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 175. An act in addition to chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the grand list."

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out the word "heretofore" in the second line of section one, and insert in lieu thereof the words *the year previous* ;

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 140. An act to amend section twenty-seven of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows :

Strike out in section one, lines eight, nine and ten, the words "have testified, or been summoned on the part of the State to testify, in the case, for their appearance at the county court," and insert in lieu thereof, "appear before such court, for their appearance at the county court in case such cause be appealed to the county court, and for their appearance before the same court in case such cause be continued ;"

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 125. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to number sixty-three, entitled an act relating to liens reserved on property sold," approved November 21, 1872.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Insert in the fifth line of section one, after the word "previously," the words *attached or*.

And in the seventh line strike out the words "or mortgage;"

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 106. An act to appropriate a sum of money to pay for the preparation and publication of a digest of the reports of the supreme court of this State.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner:

Strike out the date "1868," in the twelfth line of section one, and insert in lieu thereof the date "1870;"

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 260. An act to incorporate the Burlington Trust Company.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner:

Insert in section seventeen, line eight, after the word "mail," the words *and by publishing the same in some newspaper printed in the city of Burlington;*

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 280. An act to incorporate the Weston Branch Railroad Company.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner:

Insert in the first line of section five, before the word "fifty," the words *one hundred and*.

Also strike out the word "three" in the fifth line of said section, and insert in lieu thereof the word *five*.

Strike out the word "five" in the sixth line of said section, and insert in lieu thereof the word *seven* ;

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 284. An act to enable the pew-owners and proprietors of the Baptist Church in Whitingham Centre to dispose of the same.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out of section five all after the word "sell" in line five, and insert in lieu thereof :

"Said house at public auction, of which notice shall be given by posting notices in three public places in said town of Whitingham, at least fourteen days before the sale, and the deed of said committee shall be sufficient to convey the title of said proprietors and pew-owners to the purchasers thereof ;"

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 324. An act in amendment of an act to incorporate the village of St. Albans, approved November 18, 1859, and of the several amendments thereof, heretofore enacted.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by adding a section as follows :

Sec. 14. Nothing in this act shall confer upon said corporation the right to borrow money or pledge the credit of said corporation beyond the amount of tax which may be specially set apart for the purpose of carrying into effect any of the provisions of this act, and this act shall be subject to the control of the legislature to alter, amend or repeal as the public good may require.

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out in section three, line one, of said bill, the words, "the real estate," and substitute therefor the words, *the road bed, rolling stock, depots, machine shops, wood and water sheds, wood yards and cattle yards, and all lands upon which they are located ;*

And the House concurred therein.

And in the third line of the same section, strike out the word "five," and insert in lieu thereof the word *ten ;*

And the House refused to concur therein.

Also in section four, line four, strike out the word "five," and insert in lieu thereof the word *ten ;*

And the House refused to concur therein.

In the fourth section strike out the words "said real estate," in lines four and five, and insert in lieu thereof the words *the road-bed, rolling stock, depots, machine shops, wood and water sheds, wood yards and cattle yards, and all lands upon which they are located ;*

Insert after the word "real" in the seventh line of section four the words *or personal ;*

And the House concurred therein.

Strike out section two ;

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner :

Strike out sections one and two.

Amend section three by striking out the words "the secretary," and insert the words *The Vermont State Board of Agriculture, Manufactures and Mining.*

Amend section four by striking out the words, "An act entitled an act establishing a Board of Agriculture, Mining and Statistics, approved November 22, 1870, and all acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, and," and by inserting after the words "approved November 17, 1874," the words, *and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act.*

Amend the title so as to read as follows : "An act in amendment of an act establishing a Board of Agriculture, Mining and Statistics, approved November 22, 1870."

Pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry the bill was

Ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Gillett of Whitingham, House bill entitled H. 165. An act to incorporate the Farmers and Mechanics' Exchange ;

Was taken up and passed.

Mr. Lynde of Marlboro offered the following joint resolution :
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the auditor of accounts is hereby directed to draw his order upon the treasurer in favor of John H. Merrifield, engrossing clerk, for the sum of twenty-nine and forty one-hundredths dollars, the same being for mileage at rates allowed other State employees.

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

The Speaker announced that the Governor had returned to the possession of the House, House bill entitled

H. 160. An act to pay the town of Guilford, in the county of Windham, the sum therein named ;

And the question being, Will the House return this bill to the Senate agreeably to their request ? it was decided in the negative.

A joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

WHEREAS, The centennial anniversary of the battle of Hubbardton occurs on the 7th day of July, 1877 ; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that this, the only engagement upon Vermont soil, should be duly celebrated with fitting ceremonies, commemorative not only of the event, but of the brave men who fell in that engagement ; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the proper commemoration and celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the battle of Hubbardton, on the 7th day of July, 1877, and the auditor of accounts is hereby directed to draw an order on the treasurer of the State for the sum of five hundred dollars, payable to the order of H. F. Lothrop, Henry Clark, and Cyrus Jennings, who shall have charge of the proper disbursement of the funds for the purpose herein indicated. Provided that said order shall not be drawn until after a like sum shall have been raised by the citizens of Hubbardton and vicinity, and paid over to said H. F. Lothrop, Henry Clark, and Cyrus Jennings, to be expended for the purpose herein specified.

Which was read and its adoption on the part of the House refused.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Reading, the Clerk was directed to request the Senate to return to the possession of the House Senate bill entitled

S. 137. An act defining certain intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Blodgett, from the Select Committee on State Expenses, to whom was referred a joint resolution relating to an apparatus

for taking the ayes and nays, reported, recommending its adoption;

Whereupon the resolution was adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Martin of Londonderry called up House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture;

And the question being, Will the House concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate? Mr. Parker of Reading demanded the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered and put, to wit: Will the House concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate? which was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Bradford, the vote whereby the House refused to return to the possession of the Senate House bill entitled

H. 160. An act to pay the town of Guilford, in the county of Windham, the sum therein named;

Was reconsidered, and the Clerk directed to return said bill to their possession agreeably to their request.

Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury called up joint resolution relating to final adjournment. Mr. Eaton of Danville asked and obtained the leave of the House to withdraw his proposal of amendment. Whereupon Mr. French of Woodstock moved to amend the same by striking out "12 M.," and inserting in lieu thereof "8 A. M.," which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted on the part of the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 171. An act relating to commitments to the work house;
And ask the House to pass the same.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 288. An act to authorize the trustees of the Corinth Academical Institute to transfer the Academy building and other property.

H. 250. An act to amend section sixty-six of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes.

H. 109. An act to regulate the practice, of medicine and surgery in the State of Vermont.

H. 69. An act entitled an act to pay N. R. Reed the sum therein named.

H. 104. An act granting a ferry to Dyer Hill and Henry C. Hill.

H. 192. An act to provide for a railroad police and for the better protection of passengers upon railroad trains and at railroad stations ;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 324. An act in amendment of an act to incorporate the village of St. Albans, approved November 18, 1859, and of the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

The Senate have on their part adopted a joint resolution in behalf of the Reporter of the Senate ;

And ask the House to adopt the same in concurrence.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Jr., the sum therein named ;

Submitted the following report :

To the House of Representatives :

The Committee of both Houses on the disagreeing votes of the

two Houses on House bill 117, have agreed to recommend to their respective Houses that the bill be amended by adding after section one the following section :

SEC. 2. The auditor of accounts is also hereby directed to draw an order on the treasurer of the State for a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars, for the purpose of liquidating the deficiency incurred in furnishing, taking care of and warming the Vermont Centennial Headquarters.

SEC. 3. The auditor of accounts is hereby directed to draw an order on the treasurer of the State for the sum of five hundred dollars, in favor of Joseph S. Patterson, in payment for his services voluntarily rendered as superintendent in the care of said house for the six months of said exhibition.

HUGH HENRY,

Chairman of Committee on part of House.

The question being, Will the House adopt the report, and modify the amendments as proposed by the Committee? it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Stoddard of Fayston moved that the House request the Senate to unite with them in the appointment of another Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on said bill ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lynde moved that the vote just taken, requesting the Senate to unite with the House in the appointment of another Committee of Conference, be reconsidered ;

Which was agreed to, and the House refused on their part to appoint such Committee.

Senate bill entitled

S. 171. An act relating to commitments to the work-house ;

Was read the first and second times, and referred to the Committee on Jails and Work-houses.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered joint resolutions from the House as follows :

A joint resolution relating to final adjournment.

A joint resolution to pay John H. Merrifield.

A joint resolution to provide for apparatus for recording, printing and counting the yeas and nays, for Representatives' Hall ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee under the fourth joint rule, submitted the following report :

The Committee under the fourth joint rule, to whom was referred a communication from his Excellency, the Governor, covering an extended itemized account of the services and expenditures of M. C. Edmunds, one of the Fish Commissioners, have examined the said account, and discover no evidence that the money expended by said commissioner has not been judiciously disbursed, and for the best interests of the State.

And we believe the object sought through the service of Fish Commissioners is most worthy of the continued attention of the Legislature.

HORACE H. HOWE, *for Committee.*

Which was read by the Clerk.

A joint resolution from the Senate as follows :

WHEREAS, William A. Lord, reporter of the Senate, has during this session performed the service heretofore assigned to two reporters ;

Resolved, That extra compensation in the sum of fifty dollars be and hereby is allowed to him, and that the auditor of accounts

is hereby authorized and directed to draw his order on the treasurer for the same.

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication :

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, November 27, 1876.

To the House of Representatives now in session :

In compliance with a resolution adopted by the House this day, I respectfully submit the following report :

The cost of supporting prisoners in jail in this State for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1875, was *twelve thousand six hundred and sixty-five dollars and fifty-five cents*.

And it cost the State to support prisoners in jail during the fiscal year ending July 31, 1876, the sum of *seventeen thousand nine hundred and five dollars and thirty-two cents*.

JED P. LADD, *Auditor of Accounts*.

Which was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Celley of Fairlee, Senate bill entitled

S. 61. An act to amend section nine of chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes ;

Was taken up and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Estey of Brattleboro, the House adjourned.

EVENING.

Mr. Wales, from the Committee on Jails and Work Houses, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 171. An act relating to committals to the work house ;
Reported in favor of its passage ;

Whereupon the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz.:

H. 19. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act regulating the capture of fish and game," approved November 24, 1874.

H. 62. An act to pay the town of Rutland the sum therein named.

H. 278. An act to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association.

H. 305. An act in amendment of and in addition to "An act granting certain powers to Black River Academy, and school district number one in Ludlow," approved November 6, 1867.

H. 101. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Stowe for the years 1874 and 1875.

H. 304. An act to restore Patrick Sullivan to his legal rights and privileges.

H. 335. An act to prevent illegal voting in certain cases.

H. 352. An act in amendment of an act approved November 24, 1874, entitled, "An act regulating the capture of fish and game."

H. 247. An act defining graded schools and graded school districts.

H. 322. An act to pay Francis D. Lamb the sum therein named.

H. 365. An act laying a tax on the grand list of the real estate of Avery's and Buel's gores, in the county of Chittenden.

H. 358. An act to incorporate the village of North Troy.

H. 254. An act to amend section three of an act entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the inspector of finance, and defining his duties," approved November 24, 1874.

H. 333. An act to incorporate the village of West Randolph.

H. 237. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Maidstone for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

H. 389. An act for the better enforcement of the acts concerning the capture of fish during the spawning season.

H. 816. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Mount Holly for the year 1876.

The House again considered their proposal of amendment to Senate bill entitled

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

Mr. Abell of West Haven moved that the House recede from their proposal of amendment, which motion was lost.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have receded from their proposal of amendment to a bill entitled

H. 158. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses.

And return to the possession of the House a Senate bill entitled

S. 137. An act defining certain intoxicating liquors ;
Agreeably to their request.

The Senate have considered joint resolution from the House, in relation to the bankruptcy law of the United States ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bills of the following titles :

S. 102. An act to establish a uniform system of keeping railroad accounts, and the proper supervision thereof.

S. 131. An act relating to the State library ;
And have concurred therein.

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles :

S. 89. An act to establish courts of insolvency, and to provide for the equal distribution of the effects of insolvent debtors.

S. 79. An act to encourage the training of common school teachers.

S. 80. An act for the establishment and construction of a work house.

S. 133. An act in amendment of section eighty-three of chapter twenty-eight of the General Statutes, and an act in amendment thereof, approved November 14, 1870, relating to railroads.

S. 142. An act providing for the protection of highways from obstruction by snow drifts.

S. 156. An act relating to State printing and to stationery.

S. 158. An act in amendment of section eight of chapter seventeen of the General Statutes.

S. 139. An act in amendment of section nineteen of chapter fifty-three of the General Statutes.

S. 144. An act to amend section thirty-three of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

S. 128. An act amending an act entitled "An act incorporating Middlebury village," approved November 24, 1874.

S. 101. An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Brattleboro and Bennington Railroad Company," approved November 9, 1869.

S. 84. An act to incorporate the Chittenden County Savings Bank.

S. 104. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the West Fairlee Savings Bank and Trust Company."

S. 138. An act relating to jailers' fees.

S. 96. An act to pay Samuel Burbank the sum therein named.

S. 69. An act in amendment of section two of chapter fifty of the General Statutes, relating to letters testamentary and other proceedings on the probate of wills.

S. 47. An act to pay Charles L. Bullard the sum therein named.

S. 157. An act to provide for the printing of the Directory of the General Assembly.

Mr. Coburn of East Montpelier offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That we do not require the State of Vermont to pay us our "per diem" for Wednesday, November 29, 1876, thereby avoiding the necessity of the State treasurer's making new pay-rolls ;

Which was read and adopted on the part of the House.

Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 168. An act to suppress vagrancy ;

Reported in favor of its passage, and recommended that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill by striking out the whole of section three, which was agreed to and the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with a proposal of amendment.

Mr. Parker of Reading offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Governor be authorized to appoint a commission, consisting of three suitable persons in his discretion, whose duties shall be as follows :

First—To examine and consider the laws of the State relating to the public health, and suggest such revision or amendments thereto, or such additional legislation as they shall deem most conducive to the sanitary interests of the State, and report the same to the present, or to the next session of the legislature for its consideration.

Second—To publish from time to time, at the expense of the State, for general distribution among the people, the results of such investigations as they shall make into the causes and means of prevention of the contagious and infectious diseases that are prevalent in the State. The expenses of such commission, exclusive of printing, shall not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and shall cease with the presentation of their report at the next session of the legislature. Said sum or such portion thereof as may be required, shall be audited, allowed and paid in the usual manner of paying State expenses ;

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House ? on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea it was

Ordered to lie.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Londonderry, the vote of the House, adopting on their part a joint resolution relating to *per diem* of members, was reconsidered, and on motion of Mr. Peck of Ira the resolution was dismissed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 194. An act to pay Chauncey Bryant the sum therein named.

H. 203. An act to enable the Danby East Village Union Society to dispose of its meeting-house.

H. 326. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act changing the name of and relating to the Northfield Cemetery Association, approved November 14, 1869.

H. 371. An act to pay R. J. Cooley and H. G. Alexander the sum therein mentioned.

H. 249. An act to pay Samuel L. Thompson the sum therein named.

H. 357. An act repealing an act entitled "An act relating to the expenditures of the highway tax assessed within the limits of the village of Bellows Falls."

H. 369. An act to amend section seventy-one of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes.

H. 227. An act to incorporate the Brandon Aqueduct Company.

H. 330. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act in relation to suits and proceedings in which a railroad corporation is or may be a party or interested," approved November 19, 1867.

H. 274. An act to change the name of Angie M. Lamb, to Angie M. Bruce Lowell.

H. 213. An act to change the name of a certain person therein named.

H. 295. An act in addition to an act to establish the Cookeville Graded School District.

H. 321. An act to protect fish in the north branch of the Hoosic River and its tributaries.

H. 67. An act to pay Harrison Gates the sum therein named;

And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles:

H. 65. An act to incorporate the Campbell Springs Company.

H. 231. An act to incorporate the First Congregational Society in Corinth.

H. 271. An act to amend chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the grand list."

H. 289. An act to repeal an act in relation to the duties of highway surveyors.

H. 336. An act to incorporate the Montpelier Mining Company.

H. 343. An act to incorporate the East Hardwick Baptist Society in Hardwick.

H. 360. An act requiring the recording of bonds given to the probate court.

H. 373. An act to incorporate the Alburgh Cemetery Association.

H. 382. An act in addition to chapter forty-nine of the General Statutes, entitled "Wills."

H. 395. An act entitled an act to provide for the taxation of deposits in savings institutions, savings banks, or savings banks and trust companies;

And have refused their third reading.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 205. An act to enable the pew-owners and proprietors of the old Baptist Church in Orwell to dispose of the same.

H. 307. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Brattleboro," approved October 29, 1872, and of the several amendments thereof, heretofore enacted ;

And have passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment, in the adoption of which the House are asked to concur.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 205. An act to enable the pew-owners and proprietors of the old Baptist Church in Orwell to dispose of the same.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows : by striking out of section five all after the word " at " in the fourth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

" Public auction, of which notice shall be given by posting notices in three or more public places in said town, at least fourteen days before the sale, and the deed of said committee shall be sufficient to convey the title of said pew-owners to the purchaser thereof ; "

And the House concurred therein.

The House considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 307. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Brattleboro," and of the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted.

The Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the following manner : add a section as follows :

"This act shall be subject to the general laws of this State to alter, amend or repeal as the public good may require ; "

And the House concurred therein.

Mr. Parker of Reading moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused the third reading of Senate bill entitled

S. 137. An act defining certain intoxicating liquors ;

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Governor be authorized to appoint some person as a delegate to represent this State in the International Prison Congress, to be holden at Stockholm, Sweden, in August, 1877.

Which was read, and the question being, Shall the resolution be adopted on the part of the House? on motion of Mr. French of Woodstock, it was amended by adding thereto the words *without expense to the State.*

And the resolution, as amended, was adopted on the part of the House.

Resolutions were severally offered, read and unanimously adopted, as follows :

By Mr. Eaton of Danville,

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be and are hereby tendered to Honorable John W. Stewart, the Speaker of the House, for the impartial, dignified and able manner in which he has discharged the delicate and arduous duties of his office, and we offer him our best wishes and warmest regards, and that we shall always recall, with feelings of pleasure and delight, our intercourse during the centennial session of 1876.

By Mr. Dean of Barnard,

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due and are hereby tendered to George R. Chapman and his two assistants, for the very able, dignified and impartial manner in which they have discharged the duties of their office in this House during the present session.

By Mr. Swain of Rockingham,

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are tendered to the Reporters for the prompt and faithful manner in which they have reported the proceedings of this House during the present session.

By Mr. Celley of Fairlee,

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are tendered to the Chaplain, J. M. C. Fulton, for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has performed his duties during the present session, and especially for the interest he has taken in maintaining a prayer-meeting in connection with the General Assembly.

By Mr. Colvin of Clarendon,

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are hereby tendered to the doorkeeper and his assistants, for the faithful and courteous manner with which they have performed their duties the present session.

By Mr. Skeels of Highgate,

Resolved, That the thanks of the House be tendered to the pages of the House, for their pleasing and ready manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Mr. Evans of Moretown offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their votes and influence for the repeal of the act of Congress known as the general bankrupt law of the United States. .

Which was read, and, pending its adoption, on motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington it was

Ordered to lie.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 281. An act to restore Henry Lovell to his legal rights and privileges of citizenship.

H. 287. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Troy for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

H. 394. An act to pay Ashley Mott the sum therein named ;
And have passed the same in concurrence.

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills of the following titles :

S. 4. An act authorizing the village of Rutland to borrow money on time to increase and extend its present supply of water.

S. 114. An act to amend section ninety-one of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, relating to town histories.

S. 63. An act to amend an act in addition to chapter twenty-five of the General Statutes, entitled "Of repairs of highways and bridges."

S. 94. An act changing the time of holding county courts in Essex County.

S. 120. An act in amendment of an act relating to private corporations by voluntary association, approved November 23, 1870.

S. 117. An act to amend section nineteen of chapter twenty-two of the General Statutes, relating to studies in common schools.

S. 108. An act amending section fourteen of chapter eighteen of the General Statutes, on enlargement of burial grounds.

S. 159. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and ten of the General Statutes.

S. 127. An act to protect fish.

S. 111. An act in addition to an act approved November 21, 1870, authorizing an engraved testimonial to Vermont soldiers.

S. 134. An act providing for the distribution of copies of the "Governor and Council."

S. 50. An act relating to the licensing of teachers.

S. 59. An act in amendment of section two of chapter seventy-seven of the General Statutes, entitled "Of standard weight of grain, etc.," and in addition to said chapter.

S. 130. An act relating to the purchase of books for the State library.

At nine and one-half o'clock the House, on motion of Mr. Abell of West Haven, took a recess for thirty minutes.

At ten o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 172. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act in relation to insurance, and in addition to chapter eighty-seven of the General Statutes ;

And ask the House to pass the same in concurrence.

The Senate have considered House bill entitled

H. 120. An act changing the terms of the Supreme Court ;
And have refused the same a third reading.

The Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills originating in the Senate, of the following titles :

S. 87. An act in relation to parties and appeals in the Probate Court, and in addition to chapter forty-eight of the General Statutes.

S. 152. An act relating to appeals in chancery in Franklin county.

S. 43. An act in amendment of section seventy of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes, relating to appeals from justices of the peace.

S. 91. An act in relation to witnesses in civil suits.

S. 153. An act entitled "An act to amend an act in amendment of and in addition to chapter one of the General Statutes, entitled 'Of elections,' approved November 18, 1870."

S. 167. An act to pay Warren Noyes the sum therein named

S. 106. An act authorizing the removal of obstructions from Paul stream.

S. 165. An act to prohibit the use of any explosive material for the purpose of catching, killing or destroying fish.

S. 160. An act relating to savings banks and trust companies.

S. 161. An act in addition to section four of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes.

S. 162. An act to pay William P. Dillingham the sum therein named.

S. 170. An act to pay Daniel B. Emerson the sum therein named.

S. 3. An act in addition to chapter fifty-one of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the administration and distribution of intestate estates."

Senate bill entitled

S. 172. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act in relation to insurance, and in addition to chapter eighty-seven of the General Statutes ;

Was read the first and second times, and on motion of Mr. Ladd of Alburgh, the rules were suspended, and the bill read the third time and passed in concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have receded from their proposal of amendment to a bill entitled

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Junior, the sum therein mentioned.

The Senate have considered their proposal of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture ;

And adhere to the same.

The Senate have passed a bill entitled

S. 173. An act to change the time of holding the Supreme Court for the county of Caledonia ;

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles, viz.:

H. 107. An act entitled an act to pay expenses of the Reform School.

H. 175. An act in addition to chapter eighty-three of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the grand list."

H. 187. An act to abate and suppress nuisances.

H. 260. An act to incorporate the Burlington Trust Company.

H. 288. An act to authorize the trustees of the Corinth Academical Institute to transfer the academy building and other property.

H. 135. An act authorizing the keeping of a jail register.

H. 361. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Pownal for the years 1875 and 1876.

H. 280. An act to incorporate the Weston Branch Railroad Company.

H. 192. An act to provide for a railroad police and for the better protection of passengers upon railroad trains and at railroad stations.

H. 256. An act to pay Charles Morgan the sum therein named.

H. 104. An act granting a ferry to Dyer Hill and Henry C. Hill.

H. 368. An act to provide for the building of a jail in the county of Rutland.

H. 347. An act to protect persons and property in the vicinity of water reservoirs in this State.

H. 250. An act to amend section sixty-six of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes.

H. 69. An act entitled an act to pay N. R. Reed the sum therein named.

H. 109. An act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Vermont.

H. 356. An act in relation to the discharge of trustees in certain cases.

H. 154. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of West Windsor for the year 1874.

H. 111. An act in amendment of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the General Statutes.

H. 381. An act relating to the officers and management of the State prison.

H. 22. An act to enable the pew owners and proprietors of the old Congregational meeting-house in Barton village to dispose of the same.

H. 194. An act to pay Chauncey Bryant the sum therein named.

H. 203. An act to enable the Danby East Village Union Society to dispose of its meeting-house.

H. 369. An act to amend section seventy-one of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes.

H. 249. An act to pay Samuel L. Thompson the sum therein named.

H. 326. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act

changing the name of and relating to the Northfield Cemetery Association, approved November 14, 1869.

H. 388. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Barton," approved November 21, 1874.

H. 189. An act in amendment of section twenty-three of an act entitled "An act for reorganizing the militia," approved November 27, 1872.

H. 287. An act to legalize the grand list of the town of Troy for the years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

H. 67. An act to pay Harrison Gates the sum therein named.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

S. 66. An act in addition to chapter twenty-nine of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of the court of chancery ;

Reported adversely to its passage ;

Whereupon the third reading of the bill was refused.

Senate bill entitled

S. 173. An act to change the time of holding supreme court in the county of Caledonia ;

Was read the first and second time, and on motion of Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury, the rules were suspended, and the bill read the third time and passed in concurrence.

The House considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes moved that the House adhere to their refusal to concur therein, and that a Committee of Conference be requested of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, which was agreed to and the Speaker announced as such committee on the part of the House :

Mr. Martin of Londonderry,

“ Sprague of Brandon,

“ Colton of Irasburgh.

Mr. Abell of West Haven moved that a Committee of Conference be requested of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill entitled

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker announced as such committee on the part of the House :

Mr. Abell of West Haven,

“ Lynde of Marlboro,

“ Bourn of Manchester.

At eleven o'clock, on motion of Mr. Martin of Chelsea, the House took a recess of thirty minutes.

At eleven and one-half o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered their proposal of amendment to a House bill entitled

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State ;

And insist on the same, and they ask of the House a Committee of Conference, to consist of three members of each House, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

The Senate have appointed as a Committee of Conference on their part :

Senator Lothrop,

“ Belden,

“ Guild.

The Senate have considered their proposal of amendment to a House bill entitled

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks ;

And insist on the same, and they ask of the House a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

The Senate have appointed as a Committee of Conference on their part :

Senator Sowles,

“ George,

“ Spaulding.

The Senate have acceded to the request of the House for the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture ;

And have appointed on their part as such committee :

Senator Lothrop,

“ Belden,

“ Butterfield.

The Senate have also acceded to the request of the House for the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill entitled

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

They have appointed on their part as such committee :

Senator Williams,

“ Carpenter,

“ Butterfield.

The House acceded to the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State ;

And the Speaker announced as such committee on the part of the House :

Mr. Batchelder of Arlington,

“ Lincoln of Lyndon,

“ Sabin of Montpelier.

The House also acceded to the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks;

And the Speaker announced as such committee on the part of the House:

Mr. Lynde of Marlboro,

“ Bliss of Bradford,

“ Dillingham of Waterbury.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Rankin :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles :

H. 307. An act in addition to and in amendment of an act entitled “ An act to incorporate the village of Brattleboro,” approved October 29, 1872, and of the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted.

H. 324. An act in amendment of an act to incorporate the village of St. Albans, approved November 18, 1859, and of the several amendments thereof heretofore enacted.

H. 158. An act requiring the listers to report the amount, value and rent of lands granted or sequestered to public, pious and charitable uses.

H. 330. An act in amendment of an act entitled “ An act in relation to suits and proceedings in which a railroad corporation is or may be a party or interested,” approved November 19, 1867.

H. 227. An act to incorporate the Brandon Aqueduct Company.

H. 213. An act to change the name of a certain person therein named.

H. 281. An act to restore Henry Lovell to his legal rights and privileges of citizenship.

H. 205. An act to enable the pew-owners and proprietors of the old Baptist Church in Orwell to dispose of the same.

H. 284. An act to enable the pew-owners and proprietors of the Baptist Church in Whitingham Centre to dispose of the same.

H. 106. An act to appropriate a sum of money to pay for the preparation and publication of a digest of the reports of the supreme court of this State, for the use of the State.

H. 117. An act to pay Nathan Turner Sprague, Jr., the sum therein mentioned.

H. 371. An act to pay R. J. Cooley and H. G. Alexander the sums therein mentioned.

H. 125. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to number sixty-three, entitled an act relating to liens reserved on property sold," approved November 21, 1872.

H. 295. An act in addition to an act to establish the Cookeville Graded School District.

H. 357. An act repealing an act entitled, "An act relating to the expenditures of the highway tax assessed within the limits of the village of Bellows Falls."

H. 394. An act to pay Ashley Mott the sum therein named.

H. 202. An act allowing the libellant and libellee in cases of divorce to be witnesses.

H. 140. An act to amend section twenty-seven of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes.

H. 321. An act to protect fish in the north branch of the Hoosic River and its tributaries.

H. 274. An act to change the name of Angie M. Lamb to Angie M. Bruce Lowell.

H. 160. An act to pay the town of Guilford, in the county of Windham, the sum therein named.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to Senate bill entitled

S. 168. An act to suppress vagrancy ;

And have concurred therein.

The Senate have considered a House bill entitled

H. 226. An act establishing the office of an attorney general, defining his duties and the duty of other officers with reference thereto ;

And have refused the same a passage.

The Senate have considered House bills of the following titles :

H. 165. An act to incorporate the Farmers and Mechanics' Exchange.

H. 267. An act to incorporate the Connecticut River Valley Medical Association ;

And have refused the same a third reading.

The Senate have considered joint resolution from the House relating to the International Prison Congress ;

And have adopted the same in concurrence.

I am directed to return to the possession of the House a bill entitled

H. 160. An act to pay the town of Guilford, in the county of Windham, the sum therein named.

The Senate have considered House proposals of amendment to a bill entitled

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

And concur therein.

I am directed to inform the House that the Governor has informed the Senate that he has approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles :

S. 102. An act to establish a uniform system of keeping railroad accounts, and the proper supervision thereof.

S. 131. An act relating to the State Library.

S. 146. An act in amendment of section seventy-four of chapter eight of the General Statutes, relating to the powers of commissioners.

S. 145. An act in relation to the rendition of fugitives from justice.

S. 61. An act to amend section nine of chapter eighty-four of the General Statutes, entitled "Of collection of taxes."

S. 154. An act in addition to chapter one hundred and thirteen, section twenty-six of the General Statutes.

S. 58. An act to provide for the distribution of Roberts' Digest.

S. 110. An act to pay William G. Elkins the sum therein named.

S. 126. An act to pay Ezra P. Wood the sum therein named.

S. 171. An act relating to commitments to the work-house ;

Mr. Abell, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill entitled

S. 136. An act in amendment of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes ;

Submitted the following report :

To the House of Representatives :

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill 136, report that they have met their

Senate conferrees, and have unanimously agreed to recommend that the House adhere to their proposal of amendment.

R. C. ABELL, *for Committee.*

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lynde, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks ;

Submitted the following report :

To the House of Representatives :

The Committee of Conference on the part of the House on House bill 222, entitled " An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks," respectfully report that they have conferred with the Committee on the part of the Senate, and recommend that the House refuse to accede to the first proposal of amendment of the Senate, and that the House concur with the Senate in their second proposal of amendment.

W. W. LYNDE,

For the House Committee.

E. A. SOWLES,

For the Senate Committee.

Which was adopted, and the House refused to concur with the first Senate proposal of amendment, and concurred in the second amendment proposed by the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Brownell, their Assistant Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered their proposals of amendment to

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks ;

And recede from their first proposal of amendment, and adhere to their second proposal of amendment.

Mr. Batchelder, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the railroads in this State;
Submitted the following report:

To the House of Representatives:

The Committee of Conference on House bill 61, entitled "An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State," respectfully report that they have considered the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and recommend that the Senate change their proposal of amendment from ten years to eight years, and that as so changed the House agree to the amendment proposed by the Senate.

J. K. BATCHELDER,	} Committee on part of the House.
C. T. SABIN,	
B. F. LINCOLN,	

Which was adopted, and the modification of the Senate proposal of amendment, as recommended by the committee, was agreed to.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture;

Submitted the following report:

To the House of Representatives:

The Committee of Conference on the part of the House on House bill 390, respectfully report that they have conferred with the Committee on the part of the Senate and concur in the following:

First—That section one be amended by striking out the word "November," and insert in lieu thereof the word *December*.

Second—That said section one be further amended by striking out the words "a secretary to the same to be appointed by the Governor," in lines ten, eleven and twelve, and insert in lieu thereof the words, *said board shall elect its secretary*.

Third—That section two be amended by striking out the word

“year,” in line two, and insert in lieu thereof, *county in this State annually.*

Fourth—That said section two be further amended by striking out the word “experimenters,” in line eight.

Fifth—That said section two be further amended by striking out the words, “no compensation for their services but,” in lines fourteen and fifteen, and insert in lieu thereof the words, *one dollar and fifty cents per day and.*

Sixth—That said section two be further amended by striking out all of said section after the word “paid,” in the nineteenth line, and insert in lieu thereof the following: *Such sum as shall be determined upon by the board ; provided that the entire expense of the board shall not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars.*

Seventh—That the Senate recede from its proposals of amendment.

H. F. LOTHROP,

For the Senate Committee.

J. L. MARTIN,

For the House Committee.

Which report was adopted, and the modifications of the Senate proposals of amendment, as recommended by the committee, were agreed to.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have considered their proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State ;

And consent to the change proposed by the Committee of Conference.

The Senate have considered their proposals of amendment to House bill entitled

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture ;

And have adopted the modified proposal of amendments proposed by the Conference Committee, and recede from their proposals of amendment.

Mr. Abell of West Haven offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by the Chair to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the House has on its part completed the business of the session and is ready to adjourn, and to inquire if he has any further communication to make to the House ;

Which was read and adopted ;

Whereupon the Speaker appointed as such committee :

Mr. Abell,

“ Barrett.

Mr. Swain of Rockingham offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Honorable Senate that the House have, on their part, completed the business of the session, and are ready to adjourn without day ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Abell, from the committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the Governor would soon communicate with the House, through the Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldwin, their Secretary, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER : I am directed to inform the House that the Senate have, on their part, completed the business of the session, and are ready to adjourn without day.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Rankin, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows :

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed bills originating in the House, of the following titles :

H. 61. An act to assess and tax the real estate of railroads in this State.

H. 222. An act relating to treasurers of Savings Banks.

H. 390. An act establishing the Vermont Board of Agriculture.

And I am also directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he has received their communication that they have, on their part, completed the business of the session, and that he has no further communication to make.

On motion of Mr. Abell of West Haven, at twelve o'clock and twenty-five minutes, A. M., the House took a recess until eight o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1876.

At eight o'clock in the forenoon, in accordance with a joint resolution to that effect, the Speaker declared the House of Representatives adjourned without day.

GEORGE R. CHAPMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Vermont, for the Fourth Biennial Session thereof, beginning on the first Wednesday of October, A. D. 1876.

GEORGE R. CHAPMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

STATE HOUSE,
Montpelier, November 29, 1876. }

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BIENNIAL SESSION, 1876.

JOURNAL OF THE JOINT ASSEMBLY.

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, }
October 5, 1876, 11 A. M. }

The Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Assembly, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in pursuance of a joint resolution which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly, to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, to hear the report of the committee appointed to canvass the votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Treasurer.

HIS HONOR, LYMAN G. HINCKLEY, President of the Senate, in the chair.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, Clerk.

The Canvassing Committee submitted a report, which was read by the Clerk and is as follows :

To the Joint Assembly now in session :

The Joint Canvassing Committee, appointed to canvass the votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Treasurer, having attended to their trust, respectfully report that they have received, sorted and counted the votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Treasurer, and find the whole number of votes cast to have been,

For Governor,	65,784
Necessary for a choice,	32,893
Of which Horace Fairbanks has	44,723
William H. H. Bingham has	20,988
Scattering,	73
Majority for Horace Fairbanks,	23,662

And agreeably to constitutional provisions, we hereby declare **HORACE FAIRBANKS**, who received the major part of the votes, to be Governor of the State of Vermont, for the two years next ensuing.

For Lieutenant-Governor,	65,901
Necessary for a choice,	32,951
Of which Redfield Proctor has	44,863
E. B. Baldwin has	13,917
Ebenezer B. Baldwin has	4,669
E. Baldwin has	2,394
Scattering,	58
Majority for Redfield Proctor,	23,825

And agreeably to constitutional provisions, we hereby declare **REDFIELD PROCTOR**, who received a major part of the votes, to be Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Vermont, for the two years next ensuing.

For Treasurer,	65,704
Necessary for a choice,	32,853
Of which John A. Page has	44,889
James B. Mattocks has	18,454
John B. Mattocks has	2,359
Scattering,	2
Majority for John A. Page,	24,074

And agreeably to constitutional provisions, we hereby declare **JOHN A. PAGE**, who received a major part of the votes, to be

Treasurer of the State of Vermont, for the two years next ensuing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. D. ELDREDGE,

Chairman of Joint Canvassing Committee.

Montpelier, Vt., October 5, 1876.

And thereupon Senator Walton, of Washington County, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of this Joint Assembly, consisting of one Senator and two members of the House, be appointed by the President to wait upon the Governor elect, inform him of his election, and that the Joint Assembly is ready to receive any communication he may be disposed to make.

Which was read and adopted.

And thereupon the President appointed as such Committee, Senator Walton of Washington County, Mr. Wales of Burlington, and Mr. Du Bois of Randolph.

The Committee subsequently appeared within the bar of the House, accompanied by the Governor elect, who informed the Joint Assembly of his acceptance of the office to which he had been elected, and that he then proposed to receive and subscribe to the oath of office, which oath was duly administered by the Hon. Timothy P. Redfield, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Vermont, and subscribed to by his Excellency.

The Joint Assembly dissolved.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,

Clerk.

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, }
October 11, 3 P. M. }

The Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Assembly, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in pursuance of a joint resolution, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ASSEMBLY TO HEAR THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO CANVASS THE VOTES FOR COUNTY AND PROBATE OFFICERS.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives :

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at three o'clock this afternoon, to hear the report of the Joint Committee appointed to canvass the votes for county and probate officers, and to fill any vacancies in any of said offices.

HIS HONOR, REDFIELD PROCTOR, President of the Senate, in the chair.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington, the Clerk was directed to omit reading the names of justices of the peace, except when a tie occurs.

Mr. Seymour, a Senator from Addison County, Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, reported that the following named persons had been found duly elected to the offices annexed to their names, respectively, for the two years from and after December 1, 1876, to wit :

ADDISON COUNTY.

Royal D. Hedden, Salisbury, }	<i>Assistant Judges of County Court.</i>
Daniel H. Sargent, Lincoln, }	
Samuel E. Cook, Middlebury, <i>Judge of Probate for District of Addison.</i>	

John D. Smith, Vergennes, *Judge of Probate for District of New Haven.*

George R. Chapman, Vergennes, *State's Attorney.*

Isaac M. Tripp, Middlebury, *Sheriff.*

Edward Gorham, Addison, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

ADDISON.

Stukeley W. Smith,
Henry Wilmarth,
Asabel Barnes,
Rector Gage,
Charles Merrill.

BRIDPORT.

Henry N. Sollace,
Nathan S. Bennett,
Julius J. Orane,
Sheldon Smith,
Charles A. Wicker,
Franklin A. Williams,
Jonathan Russell.

BRISTOL.

Datus R. Gage,
N. L. Boynton,
F. D. Vinton,
Noble L. Johns,
Solon Sumner,
J. K. Ferre,
Alfred Ferguson.

CORNWALL.

Orrin Field,
Harris Bingham,
Franklin Hooker,
Julius B. Benedict,
Isaac L. Eells.

FERRISBURGH.

Mark Prindle,
Allen Beach,
Ephron Allen,
Cyrus W. Wicker,
George G. Roblison,
James W. Barnes,
Louis B. Fuller.

GOSHEN.

Francis Brown,
Nathan Capen,
Harvey Z. Churchill,
Numan Allen,
Daniel Hooper.

GRANVILLE.

William O. Chaffee,
Joseph P. Ball,
George V. Wilson,
E. B. Back,
D. Babcock.

HANCOCK.

Ehud Darling,
John H. Andress,
Horatio N. Bull,
Ara E. Whitney,
Charles M. Robbins.

LEICESTER.

William Powers,

Hiram N. Morse,
Daniel G. Henry,
Joseph Morse,
Walter J. Thomas.

LINCOLN.

Moses B. Gove,
Daniel H. Sargent,
Watson Morgan,
Stephen M. Colby,
Albert W. Purinton,
Edmond G. Colby,
Enos P. Hoag.

MIDDLEBURY.

John L. Barker,
Loyal D. Eldridge,
David E. Boyce,
George Ladd,
Henry L. Sheldon,
James E. Stapleton,
Allen R. Foot,
Thomas H. McLeod,
Rufus Wainwright,
Orvis L. Comstock,
Lyman E. Knapp,
Norman Tupper.

MONKTON.

Hirenus P. Stilson,
Henry R. Baldwin,
William P. Meader,
George H. Collins,
Philemon Hier,
Henry B. Williams,
Henry D. Chaffee.

NEW HAVEN.

Erastus S. Hinman,
Jonathan M. Hoyt,
Almon Clark,
Charles E. Palmer,
Edson A. Doud,
Frank A. Smith,
William E. Brooks.

ORWELL.

Roswell Bottum,
Rodney F. White,
Rodney D. Hall,
Stephen N. Warren,
Lorenzo Phelps,
Charles E. Bush,
Daniel B. Merwin.

PANTON.

Emerson Holland,
Cyrus Smith,
Loyal Kent,
Aaron Curlier,
H. N. White.

RIPTON.

Samuel Damon,
Ira Boynton,

Hiram I. Spoor,
Josiah S. Chandler,
Wallace E. Newton.

SALISBURY.

E. H. Weeks,
Nathaniel A. Gibbs,
E. A. Bump,
William R. Ellis,
G. A. Thomas,
(See Special Report.)

SHOREHAM.

Thurman Brookins,
Myron Platt,
Darwin C. Smith,
Edson G. Farnham,
Franklin Moore,
Alexander W. Perry,
Quintus C. Rich.

STARKEBORO'.

Ansel M. Hawkins,
Isalah L. Strong,
Myron Small,
Daniel H. Hill,
Darwin W. Fuller,
Albert Orvis,
Burret J. Grinnell.

VERGENNES.

George W. Grandey,
George R. Chapman,
M. E. Hall,
Joel H. Lucia,
John E. Roberts,
Cyrus A. Booth,
William E. Greene.

WALTHAM.

John H. Sprague,
E. Williams,
Oscar C. Bacon,
William H. Hunt,
Henry Everts.

WEYBRIDGE.

G. L. Harrington,
J. F. Cotton,
Asaph D. Hayward,
Isaac Drake,
Samuel O. Wright.

WHITING.

Whitfield Walker,
Abel Walker,
Daniel Holmes,
George S. Walker,
Allen Ketcham.

Your Committee further report that the town of Salisbury is entitled to five justices of the peace; four only are elected, and that Franklin Bump and D. E. Gibson have received the next highest, and each an equal number of votes; whereupon, on motion of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington, the report, so far as it relates to Addison County, was ordered to be recommitted.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Austin P. Graham, Winhall, } *Assistant Judges of*
John V. Carney, Bennington, } *County Court.*

Tarrant Sibley, Bennington, *Judge of Probate for District of Bennington.*

Elias B. Burton, Manchester, *Judge of Probate for District of Manchester.*

William B. Sheldon, Bennington, *State's Attorney.*

David Crofut, Arlington, *Sheriff.*

Jonathan Hapgood, Peru, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

ARLINGTON.

Niram Hard,
O. B. Vialt,
A. E. Bartlett,
B. W. Safford,
F. B. Davis,
C. H. Young,
Aaron G. McKee.

BENNINGTON.

Samuel F. Harris,
Thomas White,
Edward Kinsley,
Henry J. Potter,
Andrew J. Mattison,
William E. Hawks,
Samuel C. Loomis,
Edwin S. Chandler,
John V. Carney,
Douglass W. Hyde,
Aaron F. Denio,
Samuel Keyes,
E. Mason Wri-ley,
Alfred Robinson,
Charles E. Welling.

DORSET.

George W. Farwell,
Bradford A. Rogers,
A. B. Armstrong,

Austin Ladd,
E. J. Sanford,
Morton Barton,
John E. Buffum,
H. G. Harwood,
L. H. Gifford,
Israel N. Sykes.

GLASTENBURY.

Joseph D. Rossett,
Jerman E. Harrington,
John F. Twitchell,
Norman Matteson,
Truman Elwell.

LANDGROVE.

Warren W. Wiley,
John B. Haynes,
William H. Landfear,
J. C. Barton,
J. I. Moore.

MANCHESTER.

Leonard Sargent,
Richard W. Dean,
L. D. Coy,
F. W. Cook,
Ranney Howard,
E. B. Smith,
C. J. Wait.

PERU.

James C. Lakin,
Joseph B. Utley,
Jonathan Hapgood,
John G. Walker,
Mark B. Lyon.

POWNALE.

William R. Blanchard,
J. E. Priest,
Joseph W. Wright,
John M. Batchelder,
Benedict O. Niles,
W. H. Matson,
William Towlesee.

READSBORO.

David Currier,
L. C. Curtis,
Jason P. Lord,
E. B. Fuller,
C. A. Perry.

RUPERT.

Elkanah Danforth,
Seymour Harwood,
Josiah G. Burton,
Thomas S. Heebe,
Joseph Parker,
Charles A. Sherman,
J. J. Jenkins.

SANDGATE.
William Turner,
Levi Peck,
Walter B. Randall,
William R. Hoyt,
Crawford R. Woodard.

SEARSBURGH.
George J. Bond,
Joseph Croster,
L. L. Stevens,
E. H. Stanley,
Samuel Fuller.

SHAFTSBURY.
Hiram Barton,
Hiram Matteson,
Myron Clark,

Bloomfield W. Russell,
Prosper S. Millington,
Jerome B. Emerton,
Richard Matteson,
Nathan Bottom,
Silas D. Montgomery,
Robert W. Hastings.

STAMFORD.
Silas W. Webster,
Albert R. Smith,
John Oakes,
Samuel P. Hall,
Homer Bushnell.

SUNDERLAND.
Giles B. Bacon,
Ralph Bentley,
John M. Gregory,

Amasa Elwell,
William S. Burt.
(See Special Report.)

WINHALL.
Jonas Hill,
Joshua Barnard,
Daniel W. Taft,
Jeremiah A. Emery,
Charles R. Williams.

WOODFORD.
George W. Bickford,
Charles Harbourn,
Elijah Evans, Jr.,
Daniel W. Gleason,
William Bolles.

Your Committee further report that the town of Sunderland is entitled to five justices of the peace ; four only are elected, and that William S. Burt and Alfred H. King have received the next highest, and each an equal number of votes ; whereupon, on nomination of Mr. Batchelder of Arlington, William S. Burt was duly elected to that office for two years from and after December 1, 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

Charles T. A. Humphrey, Burke, } *Assistant Judges of*
Matthew R. Gray, Ryegate, } *County Court.*

Asa L. French, St. Johnsbury, *Judge of Probate.*

Henry C. Ide, St. Johnsbury, *State's Attorney.*

William H. Preston, St. Johnsbury, *Sheriff.*

Jonathan D. Abbott, Barnet, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

BARNET.
Lyman Stanley,
S. S. Clarke,
George P. Blair,
Peter Buchanan,
Elmon T. Ide,
Andrew Worden,
A. H. Gammell.

BURKE.
Jacob McNeal,
Theron Bell,
Charles C. Newell,

Davanzel W. Cushing,
M. W. Stoddard,
Charles T. A. Humphrey,
Joel Trull.

DANVILLE.
Joseph S. H. Weeks,
James B. Mattocks,
Benjamin Greenbank,
William J. Stanton,
Henry S. Cook,
M. M. Batchelder,
John S. Frye,
F. C. Batchelder,

Charles D. Brainerd,
S. H. Stone.

GROTON.
Jonathan R. Darling,
Daniel Roberts,
Martin Weld,
Isaac N. Hall,
William Taisey.

HARDWICK.
Cyrus Underwood,
Finley Green,
Jabez W. Hovey,

L. D. Leavitt,
Henry Perley,
J. B. Ainsworth,
D. S. Chubb.

KIRBY.

E. W. Church,
P. W. Russell,
P. H. Graves,
M. J. Russell,
D. W. Gorham.

LYNDON.

Hubbard Hastings,
C. M. Chase,
C. K. Hubbard,
W. A. Bemis,
Charles H. Ingalls,
Sewall Bradley,
Isaac W. Sanborn,
W. L. Park,
D. P. Hall,
J. T. G. Cunningham.

NEWARK.

David F. Johnson.
Alvin Carroll,
Almon Smith,
Walter Cheney,
Erastus Woodruff.

PEACHAM.

L. Strobridge,
L. Chase,

D. W. Choate,
F. S. Ford,
I. W. Winters,
Moody M. Boynton,
Jacob Trussell.

RYEGATE.

Alexander Cochran,
James White,
Robert Nelson,
Amos W. Abbott,
Pringle Gibson.

SHEFFIELD.

Whiting H. Drake,
George Giffin, Jr.,
Cyrell Williams,
Salma Davis,
Joseph Ingalls.

ST. JOHNSBURY.

L. C. Matthews,
Quinton Cook,
John W. Lewis,
David Goodall,
Simeon Huse, 2d,
Edward M. Ide,
Jacob G. Hovey,
Thomas Spooner,
Pearl D. Blodgett,
B. F. Rollins,
Homer T. Fuller,
N. M. Johnson.

STANNARD.

Orra C. Cole,
Egbert W. Clark,
Joseph Patch,
William H. Blodgett,
Albion L. Weed.

SUTTON.

J. E. Willard,
J. W. Colby,
G. W. Bridgman,
J. B. Gordon,
O. M. Fogg.

WALDEN.

Hiram Perkins,
Harvey Foster,
Samuel Harrington,
Orvis Fitts,
J. C. Stafford

WATERFORD.

Lucius S. Freeman,
Francis R. Carpenter,
Miles S. Hovey,
Ezra A. Parks,
H. M. Parks.

WHEELOCK.

Charles Rogers,
Samuel H. Jones,
Calvin Chase,
Jesse G. Gray,
Holmes Willey.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

Alfred B. Halbert, Essex, } *Assistant Judges of*
Thomas D. Chapman, Charlotte, } *County Court.*

Torrey E. Wales, Burlington, *Judge of Probate.*

Cornelius S. Palmer, Jericho, *State's Attorney.*

Luman A. Drew, Burlington, *Sheriff.*

Solomon H. Macomber, Westford, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

BOLTON.

T. T. Church,
T. S. McGinness,
Rufus Harris,
Noah Preston,
J. H. Smith.

BURLINGTON.

Torrey E. Wales,
John B. Hollenbeck,
A. L. Papineau,
William H. Wilkins,
George L. Linsley,
Edward O. Germain,
Henry O. Wheeler,
Franklin J. Hender,
Archibald Taylor,
William H. Hare,
S. S. Watson,

Hamilton S. Peck,
Horatio N. Drury,
Charles Storrs,
Calvin H. Blodgett.

CHARLOTTE.

David C. Gillette,
Henry C. Leavenworth,
Alfred W. Sherman,
Joshua M. Dean,
Wallace W. Higbee,
John Quinlan,
Luther R. Hubbell.

COLCHESTER.

H. V. Horton,
Adoniram Austin,
William D. Munson,
James C. Platt,
John W. Crockett,

Thomas S. Brownell,
William B. Macrae,
George L. McBride,
Albert O. Hood,
John Upham,
O. D. White,
Peter Vilmore, Jr.

ESSEX.

Alfred B. Halbert,
Fletcher W. Joyner,
Timothy W. R. Nichols,
Byron A. Stevens,
John O. McKeen,
Lucius C. Butler,
Flavell C. Williams,
Dwight E. Slater,
George A. Newton,
Noah Tyler.

HINESBURGH.

William J. Douglass.
Elmer Beecher,
Amasa Thompson,
Harmon Beecher,
Nelson W. Partch,
James Degree,
E. W. Harkness.

HUNTINGTON.

Noble Ross,
Chester Ross,
Martin Fargo,
H. E. Norton,
Calvin D. Carpenter.

JERICHO.

Ezra Elliott,
Erastus Field,
Lyman Stimson,
Samuel B. Bliss,
A. B. Somers,
Sydney Thompson,
R. M. Galusha.

MILTON.

Benjamin Fairchild,
M. D. Herrick,
Lester Rice,
P. A. Boothe,
J. W. Brown,
Richard Flinn,

George Ashley,
Emory Reynolds,
S. M. St. John,
A. B. Caswell.

RICHMOND.

Salmon Green,
Ira W. Sayles,
M. M. Bates,
J. G. Walston,
W. D. Hall,
Giles Howe,
S. H. Clark.

SHELBURNE.

Robert J. White,
N. R. Miller,
Walter A. Weed,
Gordon Smith,
Henry N. Newell,
John Lavell,
James Patterson.

SOUTH BURLINGTON.

John Enright,
Thaddeus F. Stuart,
Loren B. Baldwin,
Alexander McGregor,
Albert Comstock.

ST. GEORGE.

Harry Sutton,
Henry Lawrence,

Russell Tilley,
Amos Turrill,
Norman Isham.

UNDERHILL.

Martin E. Hapgood,
George W. Roberts,
Dudley Tillison,
S. M. Mead,
George C. Dunton,
Francis Barrett,
Thomas Shanley.

WESTFORD.

Alney Stone,
B. F. Beach,
R. M. Huntley,
A. C. Robinson,
B. F. Marra,
F. F. Friable,
Albert Weed.

WILLISTON.

William Miller,
William B. Douglass,
George A. Chapman,
Warham N. Murray,
Dan Johnson,
Hiram Walston,
George W. Whitney.

ESSEX COUNTY.

Porter Hinman, Brighton, } *Assistant Judges of*
Isaac R. Houston, Victory, } *County Court.*

William H. Hartshorn, Guildhall, *Judge of Probate.*

George W. Hartshorn, Canaan, *State's Attorney.*

Joseph A. Mansur, Brighton, *Sheriff.*

George L. Ramsey, Lemington, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.**BLOOMFIELD.**

William B. Perkins,
S. W. Holbrook,
Nelson Snow,
Milton Cook,
Hiram S. Bartlett.

BRIGHTON.

William R. Rosebrook,
George W. Currier,
Abner H. Bonett,
N. E. Hobson,
C. H. Ladd,
S. A. Haynes,
E. P. Rosebrook.

BRUNSWICK.

Thomas G. Beattie,
William H. Wait,
Charles C. Curtis,

William Gilkey,
William H. Wilson.

CANAAN.

George W. Hartshorn,
Hiram M. Harvey,
Thomas F. Judd,
Charles A. Hutchinson,
William Morrill.

CONCORD.

William S. Howard,
William B. Crane,
N. W. Vilas,
H. C. Woodward,
E. G. Tilton,
Hubbard Hastings,
Warren C. Lewis.

EAST HAVEN.

D. C. Hudson.

S. S. Hudson,
O. T. Walter,
N. S. Powers,
D. H. Hudson.

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GRANBY.

Loomis Wells,
George W. Morse,
Francis A. Rice,
Lewis W. Jones,
Albion J. Dunn.

GUILDHALL.

William Morse,
Oramel Crawford,
Azro Burton,
Abner Bailey,
Charles Keith.

LEMINGTON.

William H. Sims,
Barnard O'Neill,
Charles Cook,
Arthur T. Holbrook,
Samuel H. Brackett.

LUNENBURGH.

William Chandler,

Chester Thomas,
George Johnson,
Charles W. King,
Franklin Bell.

MAIDSTONE.

Ira C. Cameron,
Josiah H. Benton,
Charles Stevens,

Augustus Drew,
John W. Webb.

VICTORY.

Jeremiah Ingraham,
Stephen Ladd,
R. E. Lee,
Z. Chappell,
George R. Story.

Your Committee further report that the town of East Haven is entitled to five justices of the peace; four only are elected, and that A. S. Howard and D. H. Hudson have received the next highest and each an equal number of votes; whereupon, on nomination of Mr. Martin of Londonderry, D. H. Hudson was duly elected to that office for the two years from and after December 1, 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Caleb R. Brewer, Enosburgh, } *Assistant Judges of*
Moses Wightman, Georgia, } *County Court.*

Myron W. Bailey, St. Albans, *Judge of Probate.*

Henry R. Start, Bakersfield, *State's Attorney.*

Julius Halbert, Fairfax, *Sheriff.*

J. Lysander Shattuck, Bakersfield, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.**BAKERSFIELD.**

Silas B. Hazeltine,
Simeon G. Start,
C. T. Maynard,
V. A. Gilmore,
J. E. Sinnott,
J. Boutelle,
G. B. Cutler.

BERKSHIRE.

Linus Leavens,
George Clement,
Philander Ladd,
George Colcord,
Horace E. Wheeler,
James R. Stone,
Daniel Morin.

ENOSBURGH.

S. H. Stevens,
Gardner S. Fassett,
W. W. Hutchinson,
Warren Harris,
John G. Jenne,

A. A. Kendall,
W. H. McAllister,
Hiram Ladd,
O. F. Givitt,
Daniel Woodward.

FAIRFAX.

James M. Hotchkiss,
Ezra S. Butler,
Alonzo G. Brush,
Moses Howard,
Larkin D. Roberts,
Samuel Maxfield,
Cassius Buck.

FAIRFIELD.

Ormond Bradley,
Edwin O. Soule,
N. W. Isham,
Moses Elwood,
Daniel Leach,
Patrick Ryan,
William H. Morey,
H. S. Dimon,

Harmon Abell,
H. A. Soule.

FLETCHER.

Giles G. Taylor,
Nelson W. Church,
Isaac Chase, Jr.,
John Brush, Jr.,
Patrick Nevins.

FRANKLIN.

Philo Horkins,
E. H. Cleveland,
J. H. Hubbard,
Arah H. Shedd,
James Randall,
Jonathan Towle,
A. L. Galusha.

GEORGIA.

Eufus K. Clark,
Addison E. Colton,
Phineas Spencer,
Ephraim Mills,

Stearns E. Boyden,
James Brooks,
Harmon N. Percival.

HIGHGATE.

Edwin C. Thompson.
Lewis Christian,
Warren Robinson,
Asa Whitcomb,
John Mitchell,
David Sunderland,
Alonzo Seward,
Alanson Platt,
F. C. Deal,
E. U. Sunderland.

MONTGOMERY.

William H. Stiles,
E. W. Sherman,
Otis N. Kelton,
Aaron Gates,
John Goodspeed,
H. H. Rawson,
Carlos S. Parker.

(See Special Report.) Sheldon S. Beeman,

RICHFORD.

James G. Powell,
George W. Gibson,
William Y. Wightman,
Lewis Calkins,
Reuben Combs,
D. T. Dow,
Alvin S. Chase.

SHELDON.

John Whittemore,
Eli De Marrino,
W. H. Foster,
B. J. Brown,
B. A. Beatty,
J. A. Washburn,
Alfred Keith

ST. ALBANS.

Spencer S. Bedard,
Myron W. Bailey,
Martin E. Sprague,
Frank Paquette,

William P. Walker,
Henry O. Greene,
Almerin Tinker,
John J. Deavitt,
Edward W. Kellogg,
Leonard Gilman,
George C. Ellsworth,
Romeo H. Scott,
John J. Burgess,
Robert McDougall.

SWANTON.

Asahel A. Brooks,
Theodore B. Marvin,
Edwin S. Meigs,
William H. Bell,
George W. Squier,
Charles S. Hoyle,
Elery Jones,
Albert H. Rice,
Charles A. Crampton,
Andrew J. Beebe.

Your Committee further report that the town of Montgomery is entitled to seven justices of the peace ; six only are elected, and that Carlos S. Parker and Charles P. Clapp have received the next highest and each an equal number of votes ; whereupon, on nomination of Mr. Kelton of Montgomery, Carlos S. Parker was duly elected to that office for the two years from and after December 1, 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

Ransom Hall, Isle La Motte, } *Assistant Judges of*
Alexander S. Pearl, Grand Isle, } *County Court.*

Heman W. Allen, North Hero, *Judge of Probate.*

Josiah H. Adams, Grand Isle, *State's Attorney.*

George H. Sowles, Alburgh, *Sheriff.*

Oris P. Knight, North Hero, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

ALBURGH.
Calvin W. Bell,
Allen R. Manning,
Phineas A. La Due,
John Q. McGregor,

John Carle,
Hiram P. Kinsley,
John O'Neal.

GRAND ISLE.
Herbert W. Ladd,

Melvin B. Corey,
William O. Irish,
Edward Gordon,
Marcus O. Kinney.

ISLE LA MOTTE.

Peter Fleury,
John D. Bowmah,
William Montgomery,
Seneca H. Pike,
Jared P. Hall.

NORTH HERO.

Flavius J. Hazen,
D. B. Town,
Julius M. Tatro,
Alexander K. Hibbard,
Oris P. Knight.

SOUTH HERO.

Wallace P. Hall,
Henry Robinson,
Samuel Phelps,
Robert B. Griffith,
Albert Martin.

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

James W. Stiles, Stowe, } *Assistant Judges of*
John H. Page, Cambridge, } *County Court.*

Willard H. Griswold, Cambridge, *Judge of Probate.*

Edgar W. Thorpe, Morristown, *State's Attorney.*

Lyman B. Sherwin, Hyde Park, *Sheriff.*

Oliver H. Potter, Belvidere, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.**BELVIDERE.**

Jerre Shattuck,
A. J. Chaffee,
Lewis Whittemore,
N. M. Cheney,
Harlow Potter.

CAMBRIDGE.

Joel M. Wilcox,
Levi L. Smith,
Henry -millie,
R. M. Blaisdell,
A. McClellan,
H. F. Wetherby,
Martin Ellsworth.

EDEN.

William Scott,
William G. Bassett,
Edwin C. White,
Henry H. Newton,
Simeon Ingalls.

ELMORE.

A. M. Keller,
Wilson Griswold,
H. H. Churchill,

S. N. Olmsted,
George P. White

HYDEPARK.

A. Parker Smalley,
J. Smith Whitney,
Albert A. Spicer,
Leonard F. Allen,
E. L. Whitney,
Calvin Campbell,
Ira S. Manley.

JOHNSON.

Lucius H. Wheeler,
Thomas Wilson,
Byron L. Kendall,
Abijah H. Buck,
John Griswold,
Albert A. Leland,
Franklin S. Hayford.

MORRISTOWN.

Orlo Cady,
Charles C. Dodge,
Ephraim E. Allen,
Simeon Bridge,
Frank Kenfield,
George W. Gates,
Slade S. Gile.

STOWE.

Orion W. Butler,
Albert Camp,
Jerome B. Stayton,
John W. Smith,
A. P. Holmes,
John Robinson,
F. J. Mower,
E. Allen Savage,
E. K. Walt,
Joseph C. Raymond.

WATERVILLE.

George B. Thomas,
Samuel R. Miller,
George H. Gilmore,
Z. W. A. Leach,
Samuel H. Brown.

WOLCOTT.

Edward B. Walsh,
Siloam Gates,
Ira Bishop,
Frank J. Burnell,
James A. Graves,
Hiram H. Pike,
Charles B. Guyer.

ORANGE COUNTY

Harvey Dodge, Thetford, } *Assistant Judges of*
Zenas M. Upham, Brookfield, } *County Court.*

John A. Tenney, Corinth, *Judge of Probate for District of*
Bradford.

William H. Nichols, Braintree, *Judge of Probate for District of Randolph.*

Daniel A. Rogers, Newbury, *State's Attorney.*

John Bailey, Jr., Newbury, *Sheriff.*

William H. Kibby, Fairlee, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

BRADFORD.

John B. Peckett,
Edwin R. Aldrich,
Cyrus Stearns,
Edmund R. Norcross,
James H. Armstrong,
Hiram W. Kimball,
Ellis McDuffee.

BRAINTREE.

George Tarbell,
William Bass,
Daniel V. Page,
William B. Hebard,
Horace H. Howard,
William O. Holman,
Jesse W. Martin.
(See Special Report.)

BROOKFIELD.

Sprague Arnold,
Frederick G. Bigelow,
D. W. U. Blanchard,
Terrence Oalagan,
William P. Biglow,
John R. Cleaveland,
Gordon P. Hibbard.

CHELSEA.

Lyman G. Hinckley,
Aaron Davis,
Burnam Martin,
D. Henry B. Allen,
Gilman Thorn,
Ezra Walker,
John Allen.

CORINTH.

A. S. Corliss,
Oaleb U. Sargent,
G. C. Cooko,
Alpheus Metcalf,
F. P. Eaton,
John M. Scribner,
Salmon W. Davis.

FAIRLEE.

J. W. Morris,
George A. Morey,
B. W. Davis,

D. S. Melendy,
William Child.

NEWBURY.

Henry W. Adams,
Henry C. Jones,
George W. Leslie,
Charles S. Button,
William W. Brock,
Levi L. Tucker,
Andrew Renfrew,
Benjamin P. Wheeler,
Leonard W. McAllister,
Jonas W. Tuttle.

ORANGE.

Chester Dickey,
Edwin G. Peake,
Erastus C. Camp,
Nathan S. Cutler,
Lyman T. Mills.

RANDOLPH.

John Buswell,
Gilbert Tilson,
Samuel Howard,
Charles R. Granger,
David S. Washburne,
Nathan S. Clark,
Edwin J. McWain,
Charles S. Palne,
Austin A. Smith,
George O. Stanley.

STRAFFORD.

Nathan Brown,
Jeremy C. Howe,
Henry C. Hatch,
Nathan B. Cobb,
John W. Gove,
Lucius D. Parker,
Moses F. Preston.

THETFORD.

H. P. Cummings,
Truman Burr,
Harvey Dodge,
J. K. Blaisdell,
Asa Poor,
C. M. Emerson,
S. G. Smith.

TOPSHAM.

O. L. Watson,
Ira A. Perkins,
Ezekiel White,
Calvin Mills,
J. P. Tabor,
A. R. Bedee,
Elijah Emery.

TUNBRIDGE.

James M. Whitney,
Azro B. Drew,
Lewis Dickerman,
Samuel B. Hackett,
Elizur F. Howe,
Stephen Noyes,
Ira Mudgett.

VERSHIRE.

Rufus Blanchard,
Lenox Gilman,
George N. Derby,
Richard W. Barrett,
Jabez G. Goodhue,
Moses Spear,
Newell Prescott.

WASHINGTON.

Ichabod E. Worthley,
Porter O. Huntington,
Warren Huntington,
Robert Ramsdell,
Davis G. Blake,
George W. Wason,
John A. Stanley.

WEST FAIRLEE.

John G. Eastman,
R. S. Smith,
Daniel Johnson,
Ebenezer West,
Benjamin Niles.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

William S. Beckett,
John Lynde,
David Gale,
John M. Palmer,
Milton Martin,
Daniel D. Martin,
Aaron S. Martin.

Your Committee further report that the town of Braintree is entitled to seven justices of the peace; six only are elected, and that Jesse W. Martin and Charles E. Woodward have received the next highest and each an equal number of votes; whereupon, on nomination of Mr. Spear of Braintree, Jesse W. Martin was duly elected to that office for the two years from and after December 1, 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

Emery Cook, Glover, } *Assistant Judges of*
 David Hopkinson, Salem, } *County Court.*

Laforest H. Thompson, Irasburgh, *Judge of Probate.*

William R. Rowell, Troy, *State's Attorney.*

Frederick H. Holdridge, Irasburgh, *Sheriff.*

Hiram W. Chafey, Albany, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

ALBANY.

Norris M. Darling,
 William Chamberlin,
 Levi Rowell,
 Byron N. Moore,
 John F. Tenney,
 John E. Chamberlin,
 Chester Hyde.

BARTON.

C. G. Drown,
 W. I. Robinson,
 John L. Woodman,
 Benjamin Mossman,
 O. R. Austin,
 Daniel Skinner,
 Edward Barnard.

BROWNINGTON.

A. C. Joslyn,
 I. C. Smith,
 I. A. Wyman,
 Moses Foss,
 Robert Alexander.

CHARLESTON.

Loren W. Clark,
 M. M. Melvin,
 J. W. Beebe,
 W. E. Clark,
 E. W. Parlin,
 J. C. Oliver,
 C. S. Hinman.

COVENTRY.

Isaac Parker,
 Joseph S. Kidder,
 Nathaniel W. Gray,
 Warren Mitchell,
 Horace S. Jones.

CRAFTSBURY.

Henry Douglass,
 Charles G. Doty,
 Horace Cass,
 Adam White,
 Simeon Hidden,
 A. G. Dutton,
 E. L. Hastings.

DERBY.

Horace D. Holmes,
 Elias Cheney,

Asa B. Nelson,
 George Cade,
 James Roberts,
 Timothy Holt,
 William S. Robbins,
 P. S. Robson,
 E. B. Fairchild,
 Elisha Lane.

GLOVER.

Chapin Leonard,
 E. O. Randall,
 Albert Dwinell,
 Joseph H. Dewing,
 Frank C. Williams,
 Joseph Dwinell,
 Sias King.

GREENSBORO.

Augustus P. Folsom,
 Alex McLaren,
 James M. Lindsay,
 Henry S. Tolman,
 William W. Goss,
 William B. Sawyer,
 Noel B. Payne.

HOLLAND.

J. C. Robinson,
 James Burbeck,
 Parau Huntoon,
 A. E. Moulton,
 L. E. Tabor.

IRASBURGH.

Samuel H. Howard,
 Elijah P. Church,
 Benjamin B. Jackman,
 David H. Webster,
 Henry C. Waller,
 Jesse Barrows,
 Jesse Alden.

JAY.

H. D. Chamberlin,
 E. W. Noble,
 L. Kimball,
 Z. O. Sargent,
 F. J. Weiherell.

LOWELL.

Amasa Paine,
 A. F. Harding,
 Edward Stephenson,

Carlos Farman,
 Henry C. Quincey,
 John Harding.

MORGAN.

Matthew Whitehill,
 C. S. Albee,
 L. P. Brooks,
 N. W. Perkins,
 J. S. Wilcox.

NEWPORT.

Orville Robinson,
 Harvey Whipple,
 Lewis Peabody,
 M. G. Sargent,
 Johnson Miller,
 K. Richmond,
 George Wright,
 O. G. Goodrich,
 J. F. Gale,
 O. S. Dorman.

SALEM.

John Mitchell,
 C. S. Grow,
 Lewis Arnold,
 H. B. Crandall,
 J. M. Grow, Jr.

TROY.

David T. Gallup,
 George W. Seaver,
 Hiram A. Johnson,
 A. J. Williams,
 Willard Farman,
 Orson Miller,
 John Young.

WESTFIELD.

A. C. Hitchcock,
 E. H. Miller,
 Timothy Dublois,
 E. S. Miller,
 L. P. James,
 O. P. Wright.

WESTMORE.

J. C. Orne,
 Calvin Gibson,
 E. F. Spencer,
 Charles Fogg,
 J. C. Page.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

Zenas C. Ellis, Fair Haven, } *Assistant Judges of*
 Seneca M. Dorris, Rutland, } *County Court.*

Jerome B. Bromley, Castleton, *Judge of Probate for District of Fair Haven.*

Walter C. Dunton, Rutland, *Judge of Probate for District of Rutland.*

George M. Fuller, Fair Haven, *State's Attorney.*

William M. Field, Rutland, *Sheriff.*

Alonzo S. Cook, Brandon, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

BENSON.
 Rollin E. Brown,
 Oscar H. Bump,
 Franklin W. Walker,
 Alvah S. Bartholomew,
 Martin C. Rice,
 Royal D. King,
 Daniel Crofoot.

BRANDON.
 Paschal P. Gibbs,
 George W. Farmerter,
 John Capen,
 Ebenezer J. Ormsbee,
 Milton P. June,
 Frank Sanderson,
 Austin Blanchard,
 Isaac N. Wetmore,
 Samuel J. Hall,
 Frank Winslow,
 Erastus Willis,
 Eugene A. Hamilton.

CASTLETON.
 D. Dwight Cole,
 E. W. Liddell,
 Lafayette W. Preston,
 Josiah A. Harrington,
 Andrew Clark,
 Fayette Barney,
 John Cummings,
 Martin D. Cole,
 Samuel L. Hazard,
 Pitt W. Hyde,
 William E. Williams,
 Henry E. Cook.

CHITTENDEN.
 Linus Edmunds,
 Hiram F. Baird,
 David Wetmore,
 William O. Harrison,
 Patrick Mullin.

CLARENDON.
 William W. Walker,

Byron Murray,
 Daniel W. Combs,
 William D. Marsh,
 Aaron Aldrich,
 Hiram B. Spafford,
 Daniel P. Eddy.

DANBY.
 John S. Parris,
 Charles H. Congdon,
 William Otis,
 Joseph N. Phillips,
 Ira H. Vall,
 Peleg S. Griffith,
 Austin S. Barker.

FAIR HAVEN.
 Zenas C. Ellis,
 Andrew N. Adams,
 Simeon Allen,
 Richard E. Lloyd,
 John D. Wood,
 E. H. Phelps,
 Alanson Allen,
 Seth Thompson,
 Hamilton Westcott,
 John G. Pitkin.

HUBBARDTON.
 Chauncey S. Rumsey,
 Edgar I. Ganson,
 Stephen I. Bradley,
 Joseph Crone,
 Zebulon Jones.

IRA.
 Smith Johnson,
 Bradley Fish,
 Leonard F. Mason,
 Simon L. Peck,
 Amos Wetmore.

MENDON.
 Ezra Edson,
 Reuben Ranger,
 Robert Mageen,

Wallace J. Murdick,
 Orel Cook.

MIDDLETOWN.
 E. P. Seamans,
 R. R. Woodward,
 M. H. Coy,
 Lucius Copeland,
 William N. Gray.

MOUNT HOLLY.
 Alfred Crowley,
 M. J. Holden,
 M. D. Harrington,
 John Crowley,
 Windsor Newton,
 B. F. Farmerter,
 Isaac Dickerman.

MOUNT TABOR.
 Nathaniel E. Nichols,
 Amasa Thompson,
 Henry H. Montgomery,
 Daniel C. Risdon,
 Garey H. Emerson.

PAWLET.
 Smith Hitt,
 Hiram Wickham,
 Leonard Johnson,
 M. V. B. Pratt,
 Fayette Potter,
 Abel H. Denio,
 Joshua Hullett.

PITTSFIELD.
 Lyman Gibbs,
 R. F. Wing,
 George McCollom,
 H. O. Gibbs,
 Lyman Farmerter.

PITTSFORD.
 Carlos A. Hitchcock,
 Charles S. Colburn,
 Leonard Sargent,
 Ransom Burditt,
 Charles Hitchcock,

Willard Edson,
William E. Hall,
David G. Holden,
Charles L. Penfield,
John M. Goodnough.

POULTNEY.

Frederick Ruggles,
Joseph Joslin,
Merritt Clark,
Barnes Frisbie,
John B. Beaman,
Ira M. Clark,
William L. Farnam,
William R. Williams,
Charles F. Eddy,
Asahel Buck.

RUTLAND.

Martin G. Everts,
J. L. Patch,
R. R. Mead,
H. H. Dyer,
George W. Warren,
John Mortrom,
John A. Sanford,
J. E. Leonard,
W. C. Landon,
V. C. Meyerhoffer,
Edward Lyston,
L. Valliquette, Jr.,

James M. Putnam,
Charles H. Granger,
R. C. Thrall.
(See Special Report.)

SHERBURNE.

Alonzo Estabrooks,
John Johnson,
Ephraim Z. Dutton,
Hosea H. Spalding,
William H. Grandey.

SHREWSBURY.

William F. Morse,
H. G. Hewitt,
N. J. Aldrich,
S. F. Smith,
D. B. Jones,
Amos Pratt,
F. F. Cady.

SUDBURY.

William P. J. Hyde,
Dighton C. Ketcham,
Wallace J. Sawyer,
C. E. Hewitt,
Simeon Young.
(See Special Report.)

TINMOUTH.

George Capron,
Levi Rice,

Cyrus Cramton,
Judah H. Rounds,
Joshua P. Grover.

WALLINGFORD.

Harvey Button,
Harvey Shaw,
Clark Bull,
Samuel E. Rogers,
Oscar M. Eddy,
William C. Croft,
Dorsey W. Maxham,
Gilbert E. Johnson,
William H. Congdon,
Isaac R. Fuller.

WELLS.

Robert Parks,
Wallace Goodspeed,
Hiram Francis,
John A. Porter,
Allen C. Grover.

WEST HAVEN.

Rodney C. Abell,
Clark S. Barber,
Samuel W. Tryon,
Tilly G. Hunt,
Frederick S. Foot.
(See Special Report.)

Your Committee further report that the town of West Haven is entitled to five justices of the peace; four only are elected, and that Frederick S. Foot and Nathaniel Fish have received the next highest and each an equal number of votes; whereupon, on nomination of Mr. Abell of West Haven, Frederick S. Foot was duly elected to that office for the two years from and after December 1, 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion of Mr. Sheldon of Rutland, that portion of the report relating to Rutland County was ordered to be recommended.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Willard S. Martin, Plainfield, } *Assistant Judges of*
Philander Riford, Warren, } *County Court.*

Harvey Tilden, Barre, *Judge of Probate.*

Frank Plumley, Northfield, *State's Attorney.*

John L. Tuttle, Montpelier, *Sheriff.*

George O. Boyce, Fayston, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

BARRE.

Eli Holden,
Miles Morrison,
George W. Tilden,
Benjamin B. Cook,
Clark Holden,
Oramel H. Reed,
Charles Wheaton.

BERLIN.

Martin W. Wheelock,
C. B. Martin,
J. E. Hale,
C. Hancock,
D. Brainerd Bosworth,
Lemuel Chandler,
Hiram C. Hayward.

CABOT.

Theron H. Lance,
Matthew P. Wallace,
John M. Fisher,
N. K. Abbott,
S. R. Moulton,
John Brown,
Nathaniel Perry.

CALAIS.

Orson Putnam,
Walter P. Slayton,
Ira S. Dwinell,
Shubael B. Fair,
John V. R. Kent,
Henry C. Wells,
S. S. Macomber.

DUXBURY.

Isalah Huntley,
Luther Graves,
Abel A. Lewis,
G. H. Crandall,
James Cressett.

EAST MONTPELIER.

Samuel S. Kelton,
Addison Peck,
Truman C. Kelton,
George G. Nye,
Squire Bailey,
Luther M. Parmenter,
N. Howard Bennett.

FAYSTON.

Willard B. Porter,
S. J. Dana,
Hiram E. Boyce,
Dorrie S. Stoddard,

Nehemiah Colby.

MARSHFIELD.

Daniel Smith,
Daniel R. Loveland,
Daniel M. Perkins,
Mervin Roberts,
George A. Putnam,
C. H. Newton,
Calvin R. Hill.

MIDDLESEX.

Don P. Carpenter,
Seaver Howard,
Charles B. Holden,
John W. Maxham,
O. A. Chamberlin,
Curtis C. Eaton,
Marcus Gould.

MONTPELIER.

Pringle H. Hinkley,
Samuel Wells,
Whitman G. Ferrin,
Homer W. Heaton,
Charles Dewey,
J. O. Livingston,
Hiram A. Huse,
Ezra F. Kimball,
George W. Wing,
Aaron M. Burnham,
Henry K. Field,
C. C. Putnam, Jr.

MORETOWN.

William Deavitt,
Squire D. Sleeper,
Patrick Lynch,
David C. Holt,
George Bulkley,
Hiram Hathaway,
Charles A. Foster.

(See Special Report.)

NORTHFIELD.

George H. Crane,
Andrew Howarth,
Martin Cobleigh,
Howard Davis,
George B. Loomis,
Albert O. Smith,
Charles A. Tracy,
Azro L. Smalley,
David T. Averill,
Charles Dole,
Simon D. Horner,
James Morse.

PLAINFIELD.

Edward J. Bartlett,
Sullivan B. Gale,
Nathan Skinner,
Erastus Batchelder,
Nathaniel C. Lombard.

ROXBURY.

Jotham Ellis,
Aaron Webster,
Charles L. Ellis,
Luther G. Tracy,
Hira G. Ellis.

WAITSFIELD.

Jonathan H. Hastings,
Ira Richardson,
Ezra O. Joglin,
John S. Campbell,
Josiah Holden.

WARREN.

James Cardell,
Harry Porter,
Charles Pike,
Lewis Cardell,
Gideon Goodspeed,
H. G. Vandeuzen,
Horace W. Lyford.

WATERBURY.

James K. Fullerton,
Frank N. Smith,
John B. Parker,
George N. Greeley,
George H. Lease,
Azariah B. Remington,
Daniel Hopkins,
Charles B. Clark,
Leonard R. Foster,
Charles C. Robinson.

WOODBURY.

F. C. Putnam,
Loverin Lyford,
Ira G. Jewell,
James H. Cole,
S. F. Bailey.

WORCESTER.

Elijah B. Harris,
George L. Stone,
Charles C. Tewksbury,
Nathaniel A. Kelley,
Horatio Templeton.

Your Committee further report that the town of Moretown is entitled to seven justices of the peace; five only are elected, and that Hartwell L. Taplin, Charles A. Foster and Hiram Hathaway have received the next highest and each an equal number of votes; whereupon, on nomination of Mr. Evans of More-

town, Hiram Hathaway and Charles A. Foster were duly elected to that office for the two years from and after December 1, 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

Ormando S. Howard, Townshend, } *Assistant Judges of*
Hosea B. Ballou, Whitingham, } *County Court.*

Royall Tyler, Brattleboro, *Judge of Probate for District of Marlboro.*

Abishai Stoddard, Townshend, *Judge of Probate for District of Westminster.*

James L. Martin, Londonderry, *State's Attorney.*

Wales H. Willard, Wardsboro, *Sheriff.*

Albert N. Swain, Rockingham, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

ATHENS.

Andrew A. Wyman,
Amos T. Ball,
A. Parkhurst,
J. H. Austin,
Mark Ball.

BRATTLEBORO.

Asa Keyes,
Royall Tyler,
Lafayette Clark,
Willard Arms,
Joseph Steen,
William S. Newton,
James M. Tyler,
Kiltredge Haskins,
George Howe,
Charles K. Field,
Charles N. Davenport,
Edgar W. Stoddard.

BROOKLINE.

Ernstus Whitney,
John B. Stebbins,
William Adams,
O. C. Merrifield,
Everette P. Wellman.

DOVER.

A. B. Collins,
Joel Lyman,
George B. Boyd,
Stillman H. Lazelle,
Freeman F. Fitch.

DUMMERSTON.

Joseph Miller,
George W. Walker,
J. E. Worden,
S. W. Wilson,
A. B. Bailey.

GRAFTON.

Ambrose Burgess,
Samuel Phelps,
Albert H. Burgess,
William G. Wyman,
Alden G. Gibson,
Thomas W. Davis,
Charles W. Haskell.

GUILFORD.

Nathan P. Chapin,
Samuel S. Hunt,
Charles E. Alexander,
William W. Barney,
Rodney B. Field,
Joseph H. Richmond,
Silas W. Aldrich.

HALIFAX.

Jedediah Stark,
Joseph L. Harrington,
William H. Follett,
Levi M. Tucker,
Alpheus H. Stone,
Jerome R. Thompson,
Frank Worden.

JAMAICA.

Luke Howard,
Henry H. Felton,
George Kellogg,
Charles Robbins,
Myron L. Boynton,
Daniel Lyon,
Fred B. Pier.

LONDONDERRY.

Dwight Tyler,
James Martin,
Barnet Waite,
Alonzo A. Curtis,
George G. Smith,
James I. Cummings,
David Arnold.

MARLBORO.

Ebenezer Person,
Luke Y. Higley,
Charles Hale,
William W. Lynde,
Albert M. Prouty.

NEWFANE.

H. T. Robinson,
Holland Plimpton,
F. O. Burditt,
S. P. Miller,
E. P. Wheeler,
M. O. Howe,
D. A. Dickenson.

PUTNEY.

John Kimball,
Simon W. Houghton,
James Crawford,
Denison Davis,
Edward P. Washburne,
Franklin Austin,
Josiah Parker.

ROCKINGHAM.

J. D. Bridgman,
O. M. George,
John Baker,
F. G. Butterfield,
Ithamar Bolles,
A. H. Fisher,
S. S. Coolidge,
J. B. Divoll,
M. F. Burt,
M. D. Jackson.

SOMERSET.

Hollis Town,
Hollis Town, Jr.,
Sumner Curtis,
W. C. Bailey,
Asa Burnap, Jr.

STRATTON.

Melvin D. Knowlton,

Willard Shepard,
William R. Lyman,
Elias Cobb,
Lyman W. Sprague.

TOWNSHEND.

James H. Phelps,
John S. Fullerton,
Francis Kiddle,
James Twitchell,
Ira K. Batchelder,
A. C. Howard,
John L. Nichols.

VERNON.

Lorenzo Brown,
Thomas Goodwillie,
Joseph E. Franklin,
R. S. Wood,
A. H. Washburn.

WARDSBORO.

Avery J. Dexter,
Jedediah C. Estabrook,
Darwin A. Hammond,
Josiah G. Higgins,
Norman C. Johnson.

WESTMINSTER.

Sylvester S. Stoddard,
Henry C. Lane,

Nelson W. Oaks,
William B. Cutting,
Freeman Gorham,
Nathan G. Pierce,
Ebenezer Hall.

WHITINGHAM.

Wells P. Jones,
H. N. Hix,
H. O. Gillett,
Calvin Baker,
Faxon L. Bowen,
George Porter,
L. P. Mowrey.

WILMINGTON.

Oscar E. Butterfield,
Milo R. Crosby,
Stephen T. Davenport,
Edward Titus,
Charles F. Boyd,
Frederick L. Stanley,
Estus C. Sargent.

WINDHAM.

William Harris,
David E. Robbins,
James W. Gould,
Adelbert J. Stearns,
Henry M. Bemis.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

Calvin French, Cavendish, } *Assistant Judges of*
Crosby Miller, Pomfret, } *County Court.*

John Porter, Hartford, *Judge of Probate for District of Hartford.*

William Rounds, Chester, *Judge of Probate for District of Windsor.*

Norman Paul, Woodstock, *State's Attorney.*

Surry W. Stimson, Ludlow, *Sheriff.*

Rollin Amsden, Windsor, *High Bailiff.*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.**ANDOVER.**

Henry J. Parker,
Samuel H. Nutting,
Alden Jaquith,
Rufus E. Edson,
George W. Stickney.

BALTIMORE.

Lyman Litch,

Zenas H. Graves,
Thomas Preston,
Orson D. Freeman.

BARNARD.

William C. Danforth,
Wesson Newcomb,
Augustus W. Bigelow,
Alvan Wood,

Hiram J. Luce,
Daniel S. Perkins,
Levi D. Leavitt.

BETHEL.

William R. Adams,
George W. Woodbury,
Joel B. Putnam,
Norman N. Fowler,

Alonzo B. Bird,
Chauncey R. Chadwick,
James C. Burnett.

BRIDGEWATER.

W. S. Southgate,
E. H. Carpenter,
S. S. Barrows,
Alfred Sargent,
C. C. Bugbee,
H. N. Thomas,
Solomon Warren.

CAVENDISH.

Saxon A. Craigue,
R. C. Allen,
George S. Hill,
William Smith,
C. F. Barrett,
J. H. Stearns,
Horatio S. Pierce.

CHESTER.

Frederick W. Marsh,
Addison S. Adams,
Lewis Hill,
Henry Morris,
Roland P. Pollard,
A. Bliss Martin,
Edward E. Barney,
Osgood P. Herrick,
Daniel Davis, 3d,
Charles M. Wilson.
(See Special Report.)

HARTFORD.

John Porter,
Darius Russ,
Benjamin Dutton,
Zera B. Clark,
Edward H. Bagley,
Albert E. Hazen,
Rufus H. Simonds,
Charles R. Whitman,
Henry Safford,
Levi Hazen.

HARTLAND.

James G. Bates,
Albert B. Burke,
William S. Crooker,
Benjamin F. Labaree,
Henry R. Miller,
Wilbur R. Sturtevant,
Asa Weed.

LUDLOW.

Hiram W. Albee,
George E. Walker,
Charles S. Mason,
Ryland C. Haven,
William P. Spafford,
Ora J. Taylor,
Ira W. Gale.

NORWICH.

John W. Loveland,
Lewis S. Partridge,
Carlton B. Nott,
Bartlett Sargent,
Francis E. Spear,
George W. Kibling,
Jonathan S. Lord.

PLYMOUTH.

John S. Slack,
Alonzo F. Hubbard,
James S. Brown,
Lyman N. Pinney,
Levi J. Greene,
Ryland R. Dudley,
Warren R. Taylor.

POMFRET.

Ora Paul,
William Hutchinson,
Ebenezer Bridge,
William C. Whipple,
Edwin Allen,
Amos W. Colburn,
John Brockway.

READING.

L. Carlos Davis,
Norman W. Wood,
Daniel P. Sawyer,
Daniel P. Jones,
W. W. Keyes,
Paul W. Stearns,
William C. Bennett.

ROCHESTER.

William W. Williams,
G. L. Chaffee,
Christopher A. Webber,
J. L. Morse,
John McCollom,
Chauncey Stanley,
John W. Chaffee.

ROYALTON.

Jonathan Morse,
David W. Cowdrey,
Charles D. Lovejoy,
Horace P. Allen,
S. Clement Drew,
Charles Fay,
David H. Dutton.

SHARON.

John P. Smith,
Ammi Follett,
Chandler Ladd,
Joel H. Marsh,
Ebenzer B. Baldwin,
Albert B. Preston,
Matthew P. Keyes.

SPRINGFIELD.

Daniel O. Gill,
Samuel W. Porter,
Samuel Rollins,
D. Dorchester, Jr.,
Lewis Davis,
C. Horace Hubbard,
Horace H. Howe,
Henry Closson,
Almond B. Damon,
George O. Henry.

STOCKBRIDGE.

Nelson Gay,
Benjamin Cozzens,
Nathan Davis,
Milton E. Smith,
Joel Blackmer,
J. B. Taggart,
Albert Whitcomb.

WEATHERSFIELD.

George Barrett,
John Spafford,
Edson Chamberlin,
Charles Mudgett,
Daniel A. Wheeler,
E. S. Jackman,
D. W. C. Thrasher.

WESTON.

Asa G. Foster,
Rollin B. Jaquith,
Hiland N. Pease,
Marcellus L. Sweetland,
Jay Wilkinson.

WEST WINDSOR.

Walter I. Kendall,
Frederick Moulton,
Eugene H. Spalding,
Moses B. Perkins,
William H. H. Ralph.

WINDSOR.

John T. Freeman,
Horace Weston,
James A. Pollard,
James N. Edmister,
Rufus M. Cole,
Thales B. Winn,
Jonathan B. Farnsworth.

WOODSTOCK.

George R. Chapman,
Henry W. Walker,
William C. Vaughn,
Larned C. Kendall,
Edwin C. Emmons,
Daniel Taft,
Henry Boynton,
Lorenzo Richmond,
Charles H. English,
Jasper Hazen, Jr.

On motion of Senator Seymour of Addison County, that portion of the subject relating to the county of Windsor, was ordered to be recommitted.

On motion of Senator Davis of Windsor County, the Joint Assembly adjourned till to-morrow, October 12, 1876, at three o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,
Clerk.

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY,
Thursday, October 12, 3 o'clock, P. M. }

The Senate and House of Representatives met in the Hall of the House of Representatives pursuant to the adjournment of October 11, 1876.

HIS HONOR, REDFIELD PROCTOR, President of the Senate, in the chair.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, Clerk.

Mr. Seymour, from the General Canvassing Committee, made a report, which was read, and is as follows:

To the Honorable Joint Assembly now in session:

The Joint Canvassing Committee, to whom were recommitted the reports for the counties of Addison, Rutland and Windsor, respectfully report that upon further consideration they find that E. H. Weeks, Nathaniel A. Gibbs, E. A. Bump, William R. Ellis, and G. A. Thomas, were elected justices of the peace for the town of Salisbury in Addison County.

That Martin C. Everts, J. L. Patch, R. R. Mead, H. H. Dyer, George W. Warren, John Mortrom, John A. Sanford, J. E. Leonard, W. C. Landon, V. C. Meyerhoffer, Edward Lyston, L. Valiquette, Jr., James M. Putnam, Charles H. Granger, and R.

C. Thrall were elected justices of the peace for the town of Rutland, in the county of Rutland.

And that Frederick W. Marsh, Addison S. Adams, Lewis Hill, Henry Morris, Roland P. Pollard, A. Bliss Martin, Edward E. Barney, Osgood P. Herrick, Daniel Davis, 3d, and Charles M. Wilson were elected justices of the peace for the town of Chester, in the county of Windsor.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD SEYMOUR, } Chairman of General
Canvassing Committee.

Your committee further report that the town of Sudbury is entitled to five justices of the peace; four only are elected, and that Simeon Young and Benoigne Griffin have received the next highest, and each an equal number of votes; whereupon, on nomination of Mr. Jennings of Hubbardton, Simeon Young was duly elected to that office for the two years from and after December 1, 1876.

The Joint Assembly dissolved.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,

Clerk.

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY,
October 16, 1876, 2½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Senate and House of Representatives met in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in pursuance of a joint resolution which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly to-morrow afternoon at two and one-half o'clock to receive the report of the Joint Committee appointed to canvass the votes for Members of Congress.

HIS HONOR, REDFIELD PROCTOR, President of the Senate, in the chair.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, Clerk.

Senator Walton of Washington County, Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, submitted a report, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

To the Joint Assembly now in session :

The committee appointed to canvass the votes for Representatives in Congress, given at the September election, A. D. 1876, having attended to their trust, respectfully report that they have received, sorted and counted the votes for Representatives in Congress, from the several Congressional Districts in the State of Vermont, and find the whole number of votes cast to have been,

In the First Congressional District,	21,571
Necessary for a choice,	10,786
Of which Charles H. Joyce had	14,496
A. P. Childs had	7,057
Scattering,	18
Majority for Charles H. Joyce,	7,421

And agreeably to constitutional provisions, we hereby declare Charles H. Joyce, who received the major part of the votes, to be Representative in the Congress of the United States, from the First Congressional District of Vermont, for the two years from and including the fourth day of March, A. D. 1877.

In the Second Congressional District,	20,276
Necessary for a choice,	10,189
Of which Dudley C. Denison had	14,430
Asa M. Dickey had	5,739
Scattering,	107
Majority for Dudley C. Denison,	8,584

And agreeably to constitutional provisions, we hereby declare Dudley C. Denison, who received the major part of the votes,

to be Representative in the Congress of the United States, from the Second Congressional District of Vermont, for the two years from and including the fourth day of March, A. D. 1877.

In the Third Congressional District,	17,472
Necessary for a choice,	8,737
Of which George W. Hendee had	11,974
John L. Edwards had	5,367
Scattering,	131
Majority for George W. Hendee,	6,476

And agreeably to constitutional provisions, we hereby declare George W. Hendee, who received the major part of the votes, to be Representative in the Congress of the United States, from the Third Congressional District of Vermont, for the two years from and including the fourth day of March, A. D. 1877.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. P. WALTON, } Chairman of Joint
Canvassing Committee.

MONTPELIER, VT., }
October, 16, 1876. }

The Joint Assembly dissolved.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,
Clerk.

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, }
November 16, 1876, 2.30 P. M. }

The Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in pursuance of a joint resolution, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday, the 16th day of November, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, to elect a Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Sergeant-at-Arms, Adjutant and

Inspector General, Quartermaster General, Judge Advocate General, Railroad Commissioner, Commissioner of the Insane, Superintendent of the State Prison, three Directors of the State Prison, three Trustees of the Vermont Reform School, and three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

His Honor, REDFIELD PROCTOR, President of the Senate, in the chair.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, Clerk.

The Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of the officers named in the foregoing joint resolution.

For Secretary of State, Mr. Lynde of Marlboro nominated George Nichols of Northfield.

Senator Waterman of Windham county nominated Oscar E. Butterfield of Wilmington.

Senator Waterman of Windham county, Messrs. Lynde of Marlboro, and Henry of Chester were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been taken and examined it appeared that
GEORGE NICHOLS of Northfield
was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing, and the oath of office was administered by the President of the Joint Assembly.

For Auditor of Accounts, Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury nominated Whitman G. Ferrin of Montpelier. Mr. French of Woodstock nominated Jed P. Ladd of Alburgh.

Senator Davis of Windsor county, Messrs. Dillingham of Waterbury, and French of Woodstock were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been taken and examined it appeared that
JED P. LADD of Alburgh
was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing.

For Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Sheldon of Rutland nominated Truman C. Phinney of Montpelier; whereupon, no other nomination being made, .

TRUMAN C. PHINNEY of Montpelier

was duly elected to that office for the two years from and including December 1st, 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Adjutant and Inspector General, Mr. Dillingham of Waterbury nominated James S. Peck of Montpelier; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

JAMES S. PECK of Montpelier

was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Quartermaster General, Mr. Sheldon of Rutland nominated Levi G. Kingsley of Rutland; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

LEVI G. KINGSLEY of Rutland

was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Judge Advocate General, Mr. Lynde of Marlboro nominated George W. Hooker of Brattleboro. Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes nominated Joel H. Lucia of Vergennes.

Senator Carpenter of Orleans county, Messrs. Martin of Londonderry, and Batchelder of Arlington were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been taken and examined it appeared that

JOEL H. LUCIA of Vergennes

was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing.

Mr. Swain of Rockingham moved that the Joint Assembly adjourn to Tuesday, the 21st day of November, instant, at half-past two o'clock, P. M.

Senator Grout of Orleans county moved as an amendment, that the Joint Assembly adjourn till Friday, the 24th day of November, instant, at the same hour, which proposal of amendment was adopted, the motion as amended agreed to, and thereupon the Joint Assembly adjourned.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,

Clerk.

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, }
November 16, 1876, 3.30 P. M. }

The Senate and House of Representatives met in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in pursuance of a joint resolution which was read by the Clerk and is as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That both Houses meet in Joint Assembly, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at half past three o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of supplying the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, occasioned by the declination of the Hon. Frederick Billings.

His Honor, REDFIELD PROCTOR, President of the Senate, in the chair.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, Clerk.

The Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of the officer named in the joint resolution ; whereupon Mr. Abell of West Haven moved that the Joint Assembly adjourn till Friday, the 24th day of November, instant, at half past two o'clock P. M., which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Martin of Chelsea nominated Roswell Farnham of Bradford ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

ROSWELL FARNHAM of Bradford
was duly elected to that office to fill said vacancy, by a *viva voce* vote.

The Joint Assembly dissolved.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,

Clerk.

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY,
November 21, 1876, 2.30 P. M. }

The Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Assembly, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in pursuance of a joint resolution which was read by the Clerk and is as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Tuesday, November 21, at two and one-half o'clock in the afternoon, to elect a Chief Justice and Associate Judges of the Supreme Court.

His Honor, REDFIELD PROCTOR, President of the Senate, in the chair.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, Clerk.

The Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of the officers named in the foregoing joint resolution.

For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes nominated John Pierpoint of Vergennes ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

JOHN PIERPOINT of Vergennes

was duly elected to that office for the two years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

For First Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, Senator Butterfield of Windham county nominated James Barrett of Woodstock ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

JAMES BARRETT of Woodstock

was duly elected to that office for the two years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Second Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, Senator Waterman of Windham county nominated Hoyt H. Wheeler ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

HOYT H. WHEELER of Jamaica

was duly elected to that office for the two years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Third Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, Senator Sowles of Franklin county nominated Homer E. Royce of St. Albans ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

HOMER E. ROYCE of St. Albans

was duly elected to that office for the two years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Fourth Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, Senator Walton of Washington county nominated Timothy P. Redfield of Montpelier ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

TIMOTHY P. REDFIELD of Montpelier

was duly elected to that office for the two years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Fifth Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, Mr. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury nominated Jonathan Ross of St. Johnsbury ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

JONATHAN ROSS of St. Johnsbury

was duly elected to that office for the two years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Sixth Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, Senator Wheelock of Lamoille county nominated H. Henry Powers of Morristown ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

H. HENRY POWERS of Morristown

was duly elected to that office for the two years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1876, by a *viva voce* vote.

The Joint Assembly dissolved.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,

Clerk.

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, }
November 21, 1876, 2:30 P. M. }

The Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in pursuance of a joint resolution, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday, the 21st day of November, instant, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing a State Superintendent of Education.

His Honor, REDFIELD PROCTOR, President of the Senate in the chair.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, Clerk.

The Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of the officer named in the foregoing joint resolution.

For State Superintendent of Education, Senator Davis of Windsor county nominated Edward Conant of Randolph ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

EDWARD CONANT of Randolph
was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing, by a *viva voce* vote.

The Joint Assembly dissolved.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,
Clerk.

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, }
November 24, 1876, 2:30 P. M. }

The Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives, pursuant to adjournment of the 16th instant.

His Honor, REDFIELD PROCTOR, President of the Senate, in the chair.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State, Clerk.

The Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of the following State officers:

For Railroad Commissioner, Senator Sowles of Franklin county nominated Myron W. Bailey of St. Albans; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

MYRON W. BAILEY of St. Albans
was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Commissioner of Insane, Senator Eldridge of Addison county nominated Edward O. Porter of Cornwall. Senator Carpenter of Orleans county nominated Charles L. Erwin of Newport. Senator Huntington of Chittenden county nominated Hiram H. Atwater of Burlington. Senator Davis of Windsor county nominated Harvey S. Calderwood of Greensboro.

Senator Huntington of Chittenden county, and Messrs. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury, and Eaton of Danville were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been taken and examined, it appeared that no one of the candidates had received a majority of the votes cast, and that therefore there was no election; and the Joint Assembly proceeded to ballot the second time, Senator Butterfield of Windham county, and Messrs. Peck of Ira, and Colton of Irasburgh, being tellers.

The ballots having been taken and examined, it appeared that

HARVEY S. CALDERWOOD of Greensboro
was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing.

Mr. French of Woodstock moved that the election of Superintendent of the State Prison be indefinitely postponed, which

motion was agreed to, and thereupon the Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of First Director of State Prison.

Senator Huntington of Chittenden county nominated Cyrus M. Spaulding of Jericho ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

CYRUS M. SPAULDING of Jericho

was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Second Director of State Prison, Mr. Henry of Chester nominated Asa G. Foster of Weston. Senator Davis of Windsor county nominated Elon G. Pettigrew of Ludlow.

Senator Simons of Rutland county, Messrs. Lynde of Marlboro, and Sabin of Montpelier, were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been taken and examined, it appeared that

ELON G. PETTIGREW of Ludlow

was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing.

For Third Director of State Prison, Mr. Batchelder of Arlington nominated Amos Aldrich of Woodford. Mr. Woodbridge of Vergennes nominated Cyrus Jennings of Hubbardton.

Senator Guild of Bennington county, Messrs. Estey of Brattleboro, and Huling of Bennington were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been taken and examined, it appeared that

CYRUS JENNINGS of Hubbardton

was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing.

For First Trustee of the Vermont Reform School, Senator Grout of Orleans county nominated Charles Rogers of Wheelock ; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

CHARLES ROGERS of Wheelock

was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Second Trustee of the Vermont Reform School, Senator Sowles of Franklin county nominated Victor Atwood of St. Albans; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

VICTOR ATWOOD of St. Albans

was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Third Trustee of the Vermont Reform School, Mr. Martin of Chelsea nominated Herrick Stevens of Vergennes; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

HERRICK STEVENS of Vergennes

was duly elected to that office for the two years next ensuing, by a *viva voce* vote.

For First Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Mr. Colton of Irasburgh nominated Asahel Peck of Jericho; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

ASAHEL PECK of Jericho

was duly elected to that office for six years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1877, by a *viva voce* vote.

For Second Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Mr. Paul of Pomfret nominated Crosby Miller of Pomfret. Senator Walton of Washington county nominated Paul Dillingham of Waterbury.

Senator Walton of Washington county, Messrs. Paul of Pomfret and Abell of West Haven were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been taken and examined it appeared that

PAUL DILLINGHAM of Waterbury

was duly elected to that office for six years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1877.

For Third Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Senator Lynde of Orange county nominated Crosby Miller of Pomfret; whereupon, no other nomination being made,

CROSBY MILLER of Pomfret

was duly elected to that office for six years from and including the first day of December, A. D. 1877, by a *viva voce* vote.

The Joint Assembly dissolved.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,

Clerk.

STATE OF VERMONT.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Montpelier, November 24, 1876. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Journal of the Joint Assembly of the State of Vermont for the Biennial Session of 1876-77.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Secretary of State,

Clerk.

APPENDIX.

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APPENDIX "A."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND DEBENTURES.

To the House of Representatives now in session :

The Committee on Mileage and Debentures ask leave to report, for the approval of the House, that the several members of the House are entitled to receive pay for travel, for the number of miles set to their names, respectively, as follows, viz. :

ADDISON COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Miles.
Addison	Seymour J. Everest.....	71
Bridport.....	Julius J. Crane.....	83
Bristol.....	Willis R. Peake.....	73
Cornwall.....	Edward O. Porter...	80
Ferriburgh.....	John Birkett	64
Goshen.....	Andrew S. Brown.....	99
Granville....	Alonzo N. Briggs.....	69
Hancock.....	Titus Hutchinson.....	65
Leicester.....	Darwin Johnson	92
Lincoln... ..	James H. Batchelder.....	77
Middlebury	John W. Stewart... ..	75
Monkton	Orton T. Barnum	68
New Haven....	Alfred M. Roscoe.....	67
Orwell	Charles E. Abell.....	100
Panton.....	Enoch J. Kent.....	67
Ripton	Joseph Battell.....	84

Towns.	Members.	Miles.
Salisbury	Chester Kingsley.....	87
Shoreham	Harvey S. Brookins.....	94
Starksboro'	Sidney Bushnell	40
Vergennes	Fred. E. Woodbridge.....	63
Waltham	Andrew B. Rose.....	66
Weybridge	Asaph D. Hayward.....	79
Whiting.....	Ezra S. Needham.....	90

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Arlington	James K. Batchelder.....	148
Bennington	Milo C. Huling.....	162
Dorset	George W. Farwell.....	147
Glastenbury.....	Daniel Romaine.....	173
Landgrove	John R. Haynes	154
Manchester	Sewall W. Bourne.....	139
Peru.....	William B. Simonds.....	150
Pownal.....	John S. Mason.....	184
Readsboro'	Merritt H. Houghton.....	220
Rupert	Cornelius M. Sheldon.....	143
Sandgate	Elisha L. Hamilton	154
Searsburgh	George Farrington	181
Shaftsbury	Solomon Howard.....	156
Stamford	Patrick Morrissey	208
Sunderland	Henry S. Burt.....	145
Winhall	Artemas W. Prouty.....	150
Woodford	Amos Aldrich.....	168

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

Barnet	Peter Buchanan	45
Burke.....	Arthur D. Jenkins.....	74
Danville.....	George E. Eaton.....	69
Groton	Frank M. Page.....	28
Hardwick	Alonzo Crandall	91
Kirby.....	Palmer W. Russell.....	72
Lyndon	Benj. F. Lincoln.....	67
Newark	Deming D. Fairbanks....	80
Peacham	Isaac N. Watts.. ...	55

Towns.	Members.	Miles.
Ryegate	James Johnston.....	34
Sheffield	Spencer Drake.....	79
St. Johnsbury	Elijah D. Blodgett.....	59
Stannard	Samuel Winchester.....	88
Sutton	Bradbury M. R. Willey...	80
Walden	Wm. H. H. Davis.....	84
Waterford	Bradley D. Brown.. .	71
Wheelock.	Lorenzo Sulloway, Jr....	75

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

Bolton	James A. Beers.....	20
Burlington].....	Torrey E. Wales.....	42
Charlotte	Henry W. Prindle.....	50
Colchester.....	Avery B. Edwards.....	39
Essex	James Nichols.....	41
Hinesburgh	Guy D. Boynton,.....	55
Huntington	Guy D. Ellis.....	30
Jericho.....	Orlin Rood	40
Milton	No election.	
Richmond	No election.	
Shelburne.....	Joel B. Bartlett,.....	47
South Burlington.....	Alexander McGregor....	43
St. George.....	Norman Isham.....	50
Underhill	Martin E. Hapgood... .	44
Westford	James L. Macomber.....	62
Williston.....	George Landon.....	35

ESSEX COUNTY.

Bloomfield	Cyrus R. Blodgett... .	108
Brighton	Joseph Andrew.....	120
Brunswick.....	William W. Fitch.....	100
Canaan.....	Addison E. Frizzell.....	124
Concord	Samuel W. Ford.....	70
East Haven ..	Jason D. Jenkins.....	80
Granby.....	Ethan P. Shores.....	81
Guildhall!	Putney R. Follansby.....	90
Lemington	William W. Titus... .	125

Towns.	Members.	Miles.
Lunenburg...	Theron N. Wright.....	84
Maidstone ..	No election.	
Victory.....	Albert J. Shaw.....	73

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Bakersfield.....	Josiah F. Brigham	85
Berkshire.....	Horace E. Wheeler.....	85
Enosburgh.....	George Adams.....	84
Fairfax	Harry S. Ufford.....	57
Fairfield.....	Ralph Sherwood.....	72
Fletcher.	Albert Parsons	55
Franklin. ..	John Webster	77
Georgia	Cephas A. Hotchkiss.....	59
Highgate	Hiram Skeels.....	71
Montgomery.....	Otis N. Kelton	90
Richford	Alvin S. Chase	87
Sheldon... ..	Schuyler W. Chadwick....	76
St. Albans	John W. Newton	60
Swanton	David O. Potter.....	70

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

Alburgh	Jed P. Ladd.....	77
Grand Isle.....	Wyman W. Pearl.....	65
Isle La Motte.....	Braman E. Lengfeld.....	84
North Hero.....	Orris P. Knight	84
South Hero.....	George Tracy	57

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

Belvidere	Joel C. Hodgkins	75
Cambridge.....	John B. Page	60
Eden.....	Bailey W. Fuller.....	36
Elmore.....	Lyman A. Gale.....	18
Hydepark	David Randall.....	27
Johnson	Robert W. McFarland	32
Morristown ..	Alden Darling.....	34
Stowe.....	Abial H. Slayton	21
Waterville	Henry Wilbur.....	65
Wolcott	No election.	

ORANGE COUNTY.

Towns.	Members.	Miles.
Bradford	Joseph W. Bliss	51
Braintree	George L. Spear	25
Brookfield	Freeman D. Richardson...	44
Chelsea	Burnam Martin.....	56
Corinth	Daniel Rowland.....	60
Fairlee.....	William E. S. Celley.....	53
Newbury	Henry W. Adams.....	43
Orange.....	Raymond P. Camp.....	13
Randolph	William H. DuBois....	35
Strafford.....	Eli Clark.....	83
Thetford.....	Harlan P. Cummings....	63
Topsham	Henry A. Jackman.....	62
Tunbridge ..	Elizur F. Howe.....	54
Vershire.....	Silas Titus	84
Washington.....	Heman A. White	15
West Fairlee.....	John G. Eastman.....	82
Williamstown	George Crane.....	17

ORLEANS COUNTY.

Albany	No election.	
Barton	George H. Blake... ..	88
Brownington	Albert Wells.....	99
Charleston	Charles S. Hinman.....	118
Coventry	Samuel Burbank.....	109
Craftsbury	Charles C. Hoyt.....	94
Derby.....	Asa B. Nelson.....	111
Glover	Wilbur F. Templeton....	92
Greensboro'	Harvey S. Calderwood...	85
Holland	Mason B. Pinney.....	119
Irasburgh.....	Eben P. Colton.....	97
Jáy	Damon Y. Clark.....	116
Lowell	D. Eugene Curtis	103
Morgan	Orrin Taylor.	121
Newport	Charles L. Erwin	111
Salem.....	Daniel Kelley	109

Towns.	Members.	Miles.
Troy...	George E. Braley.....	110
Westfield ...	George W. Whitcher.....	122
Westmore	Harry Cheney.....	97

RUTLAND COUNTY.

Benson	Charles B. Goodrich.....	138
Brandon....	Nathan T. Sprague, Jr....	98
Castleton	William C. Guernsey.....	120
Chittenden	Henry Long.	119
Clarendon	John C. Colvin	119
Danby	Charles K. Bucklin.....	182
Fair Haven	Samuel W. Bailey.....	124
Hubbardton.....	Cyrus Jennings.....	103
Ira	Simon L. Peck.....	117
Mendon	Reuben Ranger.....	115
Middletown	Albert Y. Gray.....	135
Mount Holly	Windsor Newton.....	127
Mount Tabor... ..	Gideon S. Tabor.....	129
Pawlet	Selden S. Brown.....	141
Pittsfield	Daniel W. Ranney.....	50
Pittsford.....	George N. Eayres.....	103
Poultney	Marvin O. Stoddard.....	127
Rutland	John A. Sheldon.....	109
Sherburne	Daniel W. Taylor.....	60
Shrewsbury	John Webb.....	119
Sudbury	Andrew Webster.....	97
Tiunmouth.....	Hannibal Hopkins.....	121
Wallingford.....	Merritt H. Dickerman....	122
Wells	Marcellus Francis.....	143
West Haven.....	Rodney C. Abell.....	131

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Barre	Jacob S. Spaulding.....	7
Berlin	Charles F. Dewey	4
Cabot.....	George M. Webster.....	22
Calais.....	Erasmus L. Burnap.....	10
Duxbury	David E. Farrand.....	14

Towns.	Members.	Miles.
E. Montpelier	Joseph L. Coburn.....	6
Fayston	Dorric S. Stoddard	20
Marshfield	Levi W. Pitkin.....	15
Middlesex	Caleb E. Eaton	3
Montpelier	Charles T. Sabin.....	2
Moretown ...	Goin B. Evans	13
Northfield	Andrew E. Denny.....	10
Plainfield	Nathaniel Townshend.....	10
Roxbury	Ai N. Tilden	17
Waitsfield	Lucius M. Tyler.....	20
Warren	Daniel D. Hemenway.....	25
Waterbury.....	William P. Dillingham....	12
Woodbury	Peter R. Lyford	24
Worcester	Horace P. Darling.....	9

WINDHAM COUNTY.

Athens ...	Stephen C. Ranney.....	119
Brattleboro	Julius J. Estey	132
Brookline.....	William W. Perry.....	132
Dover.....	Stillman N. Lazelle.....	150
Dummerston ...	Thomas N. Reed	128
Grafton	Charles Barrett.....	120
Guilford.....	Charles E. Alexander	140
Halifax	Albert M. V. Hager.....	152
Jamaica	Albert Sturgess.....	150
Londonderry	James L. Martin.....	160
Marlboro	William W. Lynde.....	142
Newfane	Alvin B. Franklin.....	147
Putney	Sterne O. Parker	120
Rockingham	Albert N. Swain.....	108
Somerset	Asa Burnap, Jr.	187
Stratton ...	Evander H. Willis.....	160
Townshend	Franklin W. Olmsted.....	128
Vernon	Dwight Johnson ...	138
Wardsboro	Martin J. Gleason.....	140
Westminster	Ralph S. Safford.....	113

Towns.	Members.	Miles.
Whitingham ..	Henry O. Gillett	154
Wilmington	Estus C. Sargent	152
Windham	Archibald H. Mack	150

WINDSOR COUNTY.

Andover	Albert E. Stannard	154
Baltimore	Orson D. Freeman	110
Barnard	Paul D. Dean	54
Bethel	Edwin Sturtevant	39
Bridgewater	Calvin T. Josselyn	87
Cavendish	Daniel W. Hazleton	136
Chester	Hugh Henry	145
Hartford	William Lindsay	72
Hartland	Charles C. Thornton	78
Ludlow	William A. Patrick	133
Norwich	Bartlett Sargent	80
Plymouth	John C. Coolidge	145
Pomfret	Ora Paul	77
Reading	George H. Parker	89
Rochester	Julius A. Eaton	65
Royalton	Martin T. Skinner	47
Sharon	Edward B. Chamberlin	53
Springfield	Horace H. Howe	103
Stockbridge	Charles W. Clark	45
Weathersfield	Charles L. Stearns	93
Weston	Asa G. Foster	133
West Windsor	Allen Savage	88
Windsor	James A. Pollard	80
Woodstock	Warren C. French	76

JOHN BIRKETT, *For Committee.*

MONTPELIER, October 25th, 1876.

APPENDIX "B."

REPORTS OF THE FISH COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
STATE OF VERMONT, FOR 1875-6.*To His Excellency, HORACE FAIRBANKS,**Governor of Vermont :*

The sources from which food fish are derived in Vermont are the public and private waters of the State.

The public waters are those where the land under the water has not been ceded by the government, for the time in power, by grant or sale.

The private waters are those in which the land under the water is owned by individuals or corporations. Where lands are deeded as bounded on streams, the owners of the land hold to the middle of the stream, unless the boundaries of the ceded property are described as by certain monuments along the course of the stream. A right of way in navigable waters does not alter the rights of the shore owners as to any use of the waters other than as to the right of way. The franchise of running logs in a stream does not include or make public the right of fishing in it. The right of the land owners to the exclusive right of fishing in all streams in this State, is absolute except as modified by the constitution. Nor does this right lapse by non-usage or by public occupancy.

However long the public or individuals may have fished without let or hindrance, the owner of the land beneath the water may resume the exclusive right without other question than the prejudice of venerable trespass. Nor is there any limitation to the enjoyment of his exclusive right other than those laws passed by the legislature regulating the interdependence of the several fishing interests of the various riparian owners.

In public waters, that is in those in which the title to the land under the waters remains in the State, the fishing is free to all comers, subject only to the laws enacted for the regulation of the fisheries therein. A man, for instance, may fish wherever he pleases on Lake Champlain, up to high water mark, but he may

not lawfully put his foot upon the land beyond that point, save by consent of the owner of the land.

In effect, the fisheries in brooks or larger streams, though unquestionably as much private as is the pasturage of the adjoining land, are in the same condition as public fisheries, since in the pursuit of the trespasser the damage awarded is the damage to the grass on the banks, six cents, perhaps, and a per contra of a lawyer's fee of ten dollars.

What interpretation our courts will give to the constitutional provisions, enacted at a time when fishing and hunting in the wild and unoccupied territory of the State, were profitable and necessary industries, operating in very different conditions, is not known.

At present we have no means for knowing the amount or value of the edible fish taken within the boundaries of the State. A very considerable number of persons are engaged, during the season, in the capture and sale of fish. The more compact body of these fishermen is found in the towns bordering on Lake Champlain. Yet, in every town, almost, there are men and boys who eke out a living by the capture of fish, though but in few localities is the occupation a profitable industry.

Trout raising is fast becoming a settled and profitable occupation. Quite a large number of our citizens have engaged in it, some tentatively, with small means; and a few have already some thousands of dollars invested in ponds and fixtures. In this, Vermont is already ahead of all other States, as to the enterprise, intelligence and success with which the industry is pursued. An important discovery—the most important ever made in trout culture, has been made in Rutland—a discovery which lifts the domestic culture of trout from out the domains of fancy occupation into a settled, simple and profitable industry. That is, the discovery that trout can be successfully reared on corn bread, or any other kind of bread. By this it is demonstrated that the cost of rearing can be diminished at least to one quarter of the former cost, and that the flavor of the flesh is fully as good as that of the wild trout.

A very considerable number of brooks have been preserved, more or less efficiently, under color of, rather than by the efficiency of, the law passed at the last session of the legislature. In a very large number of cases, attempts have been made by the owners to preserve their brooks—but without effect, for the reason that trout, not being identifiable, it has not been found practicable to convict trespassers under the present law. Persons are frequently seen catching fish in brooks duly posted—but the offenders generally taking care to have a few dace in their baskets, and the owners never being able to get near enough to the trespasser to distinguish between the kinds of fish being caught, the necessary evidence could not be had. The law itself is a little equivocal in its language in regard to the conditions precedent necessary to bring the property in the case of brooks within the terms of the law. A very general opinion prevails that such a rearing of trout as renders them private property embraces such confinement as places them under the immediate and complete control of the quasi owner. Such confinement is not practicable in brooks.

The unlawful capture of fish of nearly all kinds is still almost uninterruptedly pursued, both in method and in season. Immense numbers of immature fish are taken with seines of small mesh and are thrown away. Trout are taken in spawning season, and by nets out of it. Pike, black bass and other fish are mercilessly killed on the marshes while spawning. Little fingerling trout, wholly unfit for food, are taken in countless numbers; and, altogether, by reason of one kind and another of unlawful and wanton destruction, the depopulation of our waters slowly works its way to the annihilation of all profitable fishing. The salmon with which, at considerable expense to the State, we have attempted to repopulate our waters have been, sometimes ignorantly, it is true, taken in great numbers and consumed or offered for sale.

Some of the reasons for this state of things it is easy to find, the chief of which is that, though the law is in many respects well enough, there is no one to see to its execution. Something has been done in this direction by voluntary associations, formed for the protection of fish and game.

The protection of fish appeals to no efficient moral sense. The unlawful or wanton capture of fish outrages no moral sense or love of the good order of society. As the thing now stands fish are not property except in artificial enclosures, and that use of land which carries with it, in equity, the valuable right of capture is not protected by any law worth the mentioning. It is hard to convince the ordinary fisherman that it is any offense against property rights to enter upon another's lands to take that in which he has as much ownership as the land-owner has. He sees in it a trespass only upon the land. The only damage he appreciates is the damage to the grass or whatever other crop he may injure. He is justified measurably by the law of the State, which has hardly yet recognized that the right to take fish, that the use of land which is concerned in the growth and catching of fish, has any real value worthy of adequate protection.

Then, again, even those who would be glad to see the laws governing the capture of fish executed, fear, in most instances, to instigate the legal processes already provided to prevent unlawful fishing, for the fear that the habitual transgressors, who are commonly, not exclusively, a set of worthless vagabonds,—will retaliate upon the law-abiding citizen if he causes them to be prosecuted, by burning his barns and houses. These weak-kneed fellow-citizens of ours have often told me, when I have urged them to have the offenders punished, that they are afraid to do so because of the probability or possibility of having their premises fired in revenge. It is obvious from this statement of notorious facts that some other legislation than that now existing must be had if the private waters of the State are to be repopulated and made productive and profitable sources of food, and, consequently, of public wealth.

So far as private waters are concerned, the great cost of fish wardens to guard the streams from trespass would be impracticable. Indeed, to protect the public fisheries to such a degree of efficiency as to subject them to strict police discipline, by officers specially appointed to the service, would hardly be warranted except at a few isolated points.

I beg to remind your excellency that during a somewhat extended tour through Europe, I made it a special business to acquaint myself fully with, not only the laws in force in relation to the fisheries in each country, but also to inform myself with regard to their practical operation in each, both with reference to facility of enforcement, and their economical effects. I found all over that country, except in a few of the dismantled States, the exclusive right of fishing went with the ownership of the soil beneath the water; that this right was affirmed by statute and enforced by courts, and that these rights were guarded at private not public cost. That people, backed by the law and armed with it, in some degree, protected their fisheries just as they protected their cattle. Added to this were those police regulations relating to the interdependence of these rights. Although, in Europe, as in this country, trout and other fish in running streams are not property, and that for the reason in the common law, to wit: that they are not identifiable and are not within that control which makes them completely subject to the land-owner's will, yet the right of excluding any person from the banks or streams is so guarded as (in effect) to give the landlord the fishing as a property right and a quasi or conditional ownership of the fish. Indeed, the conditional or qualified property in the fish stands on the same grounds with that pertaining to the water in a stream. A man does not own the water until he takes it into his bucket. Then it is property. Still, he can prevent any one else from taking any of the water until it has flowed over and past his land. Complete as is his first and exclusive use of the water flowing over his land, he may not use it wantonly or wastefully, or so befoul it as to unfit it for the owner below. The fishing right is analogous to this. The landlord may catch the fish on his premises in a proper way or to a reasonable extent, but he may not place any obstruction to prevent the free passage of fish up and down the stream.

In some parts of Europe, and, indeed, in almost all, the fisheries are watched by game-keepers. The State police are principally

occupied, in the matter of fisheries, in seeing that those who fish have the proper license so to do.

The machinery of the law is this in substance :

1st. The right of the proprietor of the land to the exclusive use of the fishing is affirmed.

2d. The ordinary-trespass law is so modified as to have special reference to the occasion. It is not necessary to show that a man has taken fish from a stream. It is only necessary to show that he was seen walking along or about one with the implements necessary to catching fish, such as a rod and line or net. Such a trespass is an *offense against the commonwealth*, punishable by fine or imprisonment. It is a trespass upon the fishing as well as a trespass on the land. If the trespasser has taken trout, by the taking the trout has become property, and if the trespasser takes it away he may be pursued for theft or for the value of the property. This is the substance of the laws in force wherever trout or other fishing is preserved.

The effects of these laws are, first, that fishings are protected, and being valuable rights, with a fixed market value, may be rented or used by the owner ; the fish are cared for, the streams are not over fished, and there is not a country in Europe fit for trout-raising in which I was not able to purchase trout cheaper than in Vermont. In most instances the rental values of the streams are greater than the food values, or, in other words, in most cases, near cities, or accessible by rail, the brooks rent for more than the fish caught will sell for. I saw one brook in the Tyrolese Alps, with an average width of about four feet, running about two miles before it emptied into a large stream, for which the annual rental paid was \$480, and from the renter, who was a hotel-keeper, I procured a capital dinner of trout for fifty cents, and I a Yankee predestined to be fleeced at that. So valuable are these brooks, that I think such brooks even in Vermont, if accessible by rail, could be rented for \$100 annually, and that in many of our mountain farms the trout brooks running through them will yield a rental greater than all the other profits of the farm,—that is, would be, if they could be protected as they are in Europe.

The cost of protection would be greatly less in Vermont than in England, because in the latter the tenant of the land adjoining brooks is presumably a poacher rather than a keeper, and this for the reason that the landlord does not commonly rent the fishing with the land. He has to employ game-keepers at great cost. In Vermont the tenant of the land is commonly the owner of the land, and in no case is the fishing reserved. Our lands are subdivided so much that no poacher could well trespass without risk of detection, and the tenant is commonly the owner.

As with us there is no law efficient to prevent trespass, the farmer gives but little heed to unlawful fishing. But if he had a money interest in the fish produced or the fishing, it is safe to assume that he would be a quick detective to discover offenses.

While it is true that private fisheries are now of little or no value to anybody, and, presumably, will soon be utterly valueless, it can be safely affirmed that with the adoption of laws like those now in force in Europe,—modified, of course, to suit our civilization,—we may with great certainty expect that our depopulated streams will become as productive as are the streams of Great Britain and the continent. We are the more assured of this result, since in these countries wherever the right of fishing has existed but a few years as it is with us, the streams have so quickly become exhausted as to force, by popular acclamation, the re-establishment of the protective system. In Bohemia, within the last forty years, the long protected fishings were abandoned to just such general and unrestrained occupancy as exists with us to-day, and in three years the streams became so depopulated as to force the speedy re-enactment of protecting laws, and it would be hard to-day to get the consent of prince or peasant to the adoption of the Vermont system. Ahead as we are of other countries in wise and just legislation, we are behind in this. If in the German States or in England the people should begin in large numbers to trample upon game rights, as everybody does here and everybody submits to, such a commotion would be aroused amongst them as would almost shake the foundations of government. In some of the Austrian States this determination

among the land holders to prevent the privileged classes from trespassing upon their shootings and fishings was a large factor in the overturn of the government.

There can be no safer rule for legislation than that which heeds the teachings of history, and it is always safe to assume that laws which have worked successfully and satisfactorily among a kindred people will do well in ours. The legislation which has been successful, and which in England has stood the test of years of trial, which has given satisfaction to all order-loving and law-abiding people, which has added largely to its wealth and worked no ill to anybody, may be presumed to be suited to our people. The game laws of Great Britain (for the fishing laws are a part of the game code,) are popular laws, found fault with by none but the lawless classes. Whatever of agitation there may have been upon the subject has been, not to abrogate the game laws, but to so arrange it that the tenants of the rented lands should have the right to kill such kinds of game as were destructive to crops when too abundant. There never has been any question about the beneficence of the fishing laws, by any class high or low. The universal experience of all the European States has been that streams are more valuable, bring larger rentals, produce more fish, and fish is sold the cheaper, because of the efficiency of the law's protection.

In view of all these considerations, I have respectfully to recommend that laws should be passed in addition to those on the statute book, as follows :

1st. A declaratory statute to the effect that fisheries shall belong exclusively to the owner of the land under the water.

2d. That this law shall have effect only in cases where the land owner shall so post his land in convenient and fit places, forbidding all persons from fishing on his premises, as to give due notice.

3d. That any person seen fishing on premises thus posted, or seen on such premises with fishing tackle, nets, or any instruments for the capture of fish, with evident intent to fish thereon,

shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished on conviction with fine or imprisonment or by both.

4th. That the owner of posted lands may pursue the offender in the civil courts for the value of the fish taken.

5th. That no owner of posted lands shall be allowed to catch fish on his premises except in the seasons and by the methods prescribed by law.

6th. That no owner shall be allowed to erect any device for the capture of fish which shall extend more than half way across the stream, or maintain any such device, net or other thing for the taking of fish in a stream from sundown Saturday night until sunrise on Monday morning.

7th. That any one who buys fish out of the season provided for their capture, or sells them, or carries them into or out of the State, or carries them anywhere in the State, shall be punished as if he had taken them out of season ; and so with any fish taken in any way unlawfully.

8th. That the civil authority of any town, or the voters therein, may appoint fish wardens who shall be clothed with necessary police power ; the said wardens to see to the execution of the State law, but to be paid by the towns appointing them. Such wardens to guard only public fisheries.

As to the doings of your Fishery Commission since the last session of the legislature, I must refer your honor to the accompanying report of Dr. Edmunds, who has had the most to do in that interval with the matter of the expenditures of the public money placed at our disposal, and with the distribution of fish. This much I may say that in our judgment it was thought best to incur no further expense in the matter of salmon until the results of the work already done can be seen. If it shall eventually turn out, that the fishways, already erected and in process of erection on the Connecticut river, will permit the easy ascent of salmon and their congeners in habit, then it will be easy to restock all the fit streams in the valley of the Connecticut. Until that is demonstrated we have regarded it as unwise to go to any further expense.

When we have succeeded in procuring the river bass for trial in a few streams, (which will probably be done this fall, if Dr. Edmunds has not obtained them already,) my impression is that little or no further means will be required at present. This I say without consultation with my colleague. There may be in connection with his share of the work something further to be done of which I do not know.

In any event, if anything more is desired by the legislature in the further distribution of fish, I am clearly of the opinion that the best interests of the State will be served by the erection of a State hatching house, from and by means of which the waters of our Commonwealth can be more successfully and more cheaply stocked than by purchasing, as the commissioners have been obliged to do. Such an establishment costing not over \$1,000 or \$1,500 would in a few years almost pay its running expenses, as well as afford to the people of the State a convenient place from which to procure the various new fishes finding favor among fish culturists.

The experience of all the States testing the matter has shown that so far as public waters are concerned it costs a hundred fold less to hatch out fish so abundantly as to fill all the measure of the public waters, than to guard them by wardens and punish offenders.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

M. GOLDSMITH,
Commissioner of Fisheries.

The following is a statement of the fish distributed by Dr. Edmunds since the last report:

DISTRIBUTION OF FISH.

1875.

May 20, 26 Black Bass, Hall's Pond, Newbury, Orange County.

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- May** 20, 47 Black Bass, Fairlee Lake, Fairlee, Orange County.
“ 22, 50,000 Salmon, Lewis' Creek, Ferrisburgh, Addison County.
“ [28, 50,000 Salmon, Battenkill River, Manchester, Bennington County.
Sept. 25, 6 Black Bass, West River, Weston, Windsor County. 1876.
April 19, 5,000 Landlocked Salmon, Fairfield Pond, Fairfield, Franklin County.
May 12, 5,000 Landlocked Salmon, Franklin Pond, Franklin, Franklin County.
“ 3, 5,000 Landlocked Salmon, Lake Dunmore, Salisbury, Addison County.
“ 5, 6,000 Landlocked Salmon, Winooski River, Essex, Chittenden County.
“ 11, 1,000 Landlocked Salmon, Kettle Pond, Harris' Gore, Washington County.
“ 15, 1,500 Landlocked Salmon, Barton Pond, Barton, Orleans County.
“ 15, 1,000 Landlocked Salmon, Harvey's Pond, Barnet, Caledonia County.
“ 19, 1,500 Landlocked Salmon, Seymour Lake, Morgan, Essex County.
“ 24, 5 Bass and 20 Pike, Ludlow and Plymouth Ponds, Windsor County.
“ 30, 20 Black Bass, Crystal Lake, Barton, Orleans County.
June 8, 20 Black Bass, Lake Memphremagog, Newport, Orleans County.
“ 8, 17 Black Bass, Joe's Pond, Danville, Caledonia County.
“ 2, 40 Black Bass, Montpelier, through Dr. Kemp.
“ 2, 60 “ “ Brattleboro, through Dr. Gale.
“ 2, 80 “ “ Monkton Pond, Monkton, Addison County.

BY DR. GOLDSMITH.

2,000 Landlocked Salmon, Brattleboro.

10,000 " " Castleton, Hubbardton and Orwell
Ponds.

2,000 Landlocked Salmon, Bennington County Ponds.

Oct. 20, 42 Bass, Dorset and Bennington Ponds.

 " 28, 100 Potomac Bass, Otter Creek, Clarendon.

 " 30, 100 " " St. Johnsbury.

 " 30, 100 " " Montpelier.

To His Excellency, HORACE FAIRBANKS,

Governor of Vermont :

I am in receipt of your favor of the 3d instant, relative to the joint resolution of the legislature touching the expenditures of money by me as Fish Commissioner during the last four years.

I am pleased to be able to lay before the legislature the accompanying details at so early a day.

The preamble of the resolution asserting that it was the undersigned who had "expended all or nearly all of the money," is quite true indeed. I am able to say to the legislature, through your excellency, that I have done all the hard work of the commission; that many and many a time in the last four years I have given from thirty to sixty-one consecutive hours' labor in the work of transporting fish, and for which no adequate pay could be rendered me, except through a grateful remembrance of an attempt to benefit the people of the State. If labor—yes, hard labor—needs rewarding, it is to have your personal enemy, in the *shape* and *semblance* of a man, calling the attention of the legislature to a matter that could easily be found out by consulting the auditor's office. As I place this matter in the hands of the *people's* representatives, I do, sir, forgive them for their

hasty action, as the animus of the resolution is wholly a personal affair, and one that would never have been thought of but for the fertile mind of a rascal. I therefore accept the challenge in that spirit that would exonerate all innocent parties, and place the matter where it belongs—in the authorship of the resolution.

My expenditures have been from time to time closely scrutinized by the auditor of accounts, and I did not suppose that my “ways were so dark or my tricks were so vain” as to escape his vigilant eye. In spite of his vigilance, however, the legislature proposes to look up the matter, which, no doubt, is proper,—but why discriminate, gentlemen? A thousand dollars is appropriated to the Board of Agriculture and to the Dairymen’s Association, and does the legislature ask them to report in detail? No. When I stop to reflect on the graces that adorn the faces of individuals as well as legislative bodies, I can hardly bring myself to believe them to be more honest, “more wise, or more noted for wisdom,” than the average citizen, when they publicly attack one branch of the public service to the exclusion of all others.

I most respectfully desire the legislature to make a full and complete investigation of all the doings of the commission in items of expenditures from the auditor’s office, if they desire, and then say whether it is a wise or unwise expenditure of money. I conceive this to be the highest duty you can render the State; but when you give ear to an enemy of mine, who has privately maligned me, I then feel that you have stepped down and out of your high office as legislators and become persecutors. I stand arraigned before your honorable body in the spirit that attaches opprobrium to the office I hold, and I therefore resent the insult that has been offered me by one of your body—the (should be) honorable member from Weston—and say to him that all my expenditures are itemized in the auditor’s office, which he is at liberty to scrutinize and use as he chooses.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I have to repeat the inadequacy of pay given me for services performed, which makes my endeavor only to be rewarded in that good time when results follow.

Then shall I hope to realize the full fruition of a labor I loved, and to say that I was prouder of the commission I held than the *Lieutenant-General* of the American army. It is obvious why, and better understood than expressed.

I am, with much respect, your obedient servant,

M. C. EDMUNDS.

STATE OF VERMONT IN ACCOUNT WITH

M. C. EDMUNDS, FISH COMMISSIONER.

1872.

Oct. 28.	To attendance on the U. S. Fish Commission in New York city Oct. 19, 1872, expenses only,	\$33 80
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1873.

Feb. 14.	To four days attending meeting of Fish Culturist Association in New York city,	12 00
	Expenses of the same,	38 10
April 23.	To five days on Winooski and Lamoille Rivers finding places to introduce salmon,	15 00
	Expenses attending the same,	17 10
" 26.	To four days attending meeting of New England Fish Commission in Boston,	12 00
	Expenses of the same,	22 00
May 2.	To six days going to Rochester, N. Y., after salmon, and putting them into the Winooski and Lamoille Rivers,	18 00
	Expenses attending the same,	73 70
	To paying Seth Green for hatching 7,000 salmon,	30 00
" 6.	To paying Tuttle & Company, printing and stationery,	10 75
	To postage and telegraphing past two years,	5 00
June 12.	" one day at Rutland,	3 00
	Expenses,	5 25

June	14.	To paying Hiram White, personal services,	5 50
"	25.	" three days at Holyoke, Mass.,	9 00
		Expenses of the same,	28 50
July	9.	To paying C. G. Atkins, salmon spawn,	100 00
"	24.	" three days putting shad into West River and Saxton's River,	9 00
		Expenses of the same,	84 55
Sept.	3.	To one day at Rutland,	3 00
		Expenses of the same,	5 00
"	8.	To paying Tuttle & Co. for printing circu- lars, with envelopes, &c.,	11 00
"	11.	Postage on circular letters,	2 60
"	12.	To two days' work sending letters, &c.,	6 00
"	16.	" one day at Rutland,	3 00
		Expenses of the same,	5 00
Nov.	15.	To two days compiling returns,	6 00
"	21.	" four days at Charlestown, N. H., and Holyoke, Mass.,	12 00
		Expenses of the same,	22 10
Dec.	8.	To six days on Missisquoi River to place salmon therein, and looking for black bass in Lake Champlain,	18 00
		Expenses of the same,	30 65
		To paying Livingston Stone's bill for put- ting 35,000 California salmon into the Missisquoi River,	58 44

1874.

Feb.	9.	To three days at Charlestown, N. H.,	9 00
		Expenses of the same,	12 00
"	13.	To four days at New York (A. F. C. A.),	12 00
		Expenses of the same,	30 50
March	26.	To three days at Boston at a meeting of New England Commissioners,	9 00
		Expenses of the same,	19 45
April	8.	To two days at Rutland,	6 00
		Expenses of the same,	7 50

April 3.	Received of the United States towards salmon put into the Missisquoi River, Dec. 8, 1873, being a credit to the account dated April 3, 1874, \$29.22; taken out leaves the balance due on that bill, \$76.23. (See statement in Auditor's office, State order No. 395 of 1874.)	
	<i>Credit of</i>	\$29.22
May 19.	To paying Livingston Stone for hatching salmon eggs under contract of Oct., 1873,	243 00
" 27.	To twenty days' services in moving fish, from April 25 to May 27,	60 00
" "	To money paid out as expenses to date,	185 15
June 19.	To twenty-one days' services moving salmon from Connecticut and Massachusetts,	63 00
" "	To paying A. A. Anderson for work,	126 00
	Expenses of the same,	197 00
	To paying Dunn & Cramton's bill,	46 50
	" " Charles G. Atkins' "	100 00
" 27.	" three days at Swanton,	9 00
	Expenses, inclusive of taking fish,	24 00
July 3.	To one day at Bellows Falls,	3 00
	Expenses of the same,	2 10
" 8.	To two days at Burlington,	6 00
	Expenses of the same,	4 00
Aug. 4.	To two days at Turner's Falls, Mass.,	6 00
	Expenses of the same,	15 10
" 7.	To three days at Noank, Conn.,	9 00
	Expenses of the same,	15 00
" 31.	To eleven days at Sebec Lake, Maine,	33 00
	Expenses of the same,	51 20
" "	To paying express charges,	10 45
Sept. 30.	" four days' work on report,	12 00
Nov. 18.	" postage to date,	3 50

1875.

Feb. 18.	To ten days at Boston and New York city, attending Fish Commissioners' meetings,	80 00
	Expenses of the same,	56 70
May 20.	To nineteen days inspecting fisheries and moving black bass,	57 00
	Expenses for the nineteen days,	59 25
	Paid for black bass,	78 00
" 28.	To paying Stone & Hooper for hatching 216,000 salmon,	284 00
	To eight days' work depositing fish,	24 00
	Expenses and money paid out,	32 55
Nov. 23.	To fourteen days' service—two days at Rutland, four days at Castleton, and eight days at Newport,	42 00
	Expenses of the same,	46 50

1876.

Jan. 8.	To one day at Rutland,	3 00
	Expenses,	2 00
" 10.	To paying for landlocked salmon eggs,	200 00
Feb. 10.	To four days at New York Fish Meeting,	12 00
	Expenses of the same,	21 70
June 2.	To twenty-nine days' work depositing black bass and landlocked salmon, between March 28 and June 2,	87 00
	Expenses, including bass bought,	108 02
	To paying H. G. Boardman for bass,	70 00
" 26.	" nine days inspecting lake fisheries and leaving bass,	27 00
	Expenses of the same,	25 15
	To paying for nets,	20 00
July 8.	" seven days' services on fish matters at Vergennes and Holyoke, &c.,	21 00
	Expenses of the same,	25 55
Oct. 12.	To eight days at meeting in Philadelphia and going to Easton, Pa.,	24 00

Expenses of the same,	40 90
"28. To two days at Milton and four days at Easton, Pa., for bass,	18 00
Paying for bass,	81 80
Expenses of the same,	49 65

RECAPITULATION.

For personal services in four years,	\$708 00
For fish eggs bought in four years,	400 00
For hatching eggs in four years,	507 00
Paying for black bass purchased,	229 00
For railroad fare, hotel expenses, fish cans, freights, nets, assistance, printing, postage, telegraphing, livery hire, &c., &c.,	1,642 26
	\$3,486 26
Credit by amount received from the United States,	29 22
	\$3,457 04

Whole number of fish distributed by me into Vermont waters
and contiguous streams, viz., Connecticut River and Lake
Champlain :

Salmo Solar,	887,000
Landlocked Salmon,	26,000
California Salmon,	38,000
Black Bass,	732
Wall-eyed Pike,	20
Shad,	500,000

APPENDIX "C."

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE PRISON.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives :

GENTLEMEN : In compliance with joint resolution, your committee have performed the duties therein mentioned and present the following report :

We have taken testimony, and have made a general inspection of the prison, and find the sanitary condition good with exceptions hereafter named. The cells are kept clean and wholesome by the ordinary means and the frequent use of whitewash. The bedding was found in good condition and the beds were well filled, thus making them comfortable for the prisoners. In this respect there is a marked improvement upon the former administration. The food of the prisoners is good, well cooked, and of sufficient quantity. (See bill of fare in superintendent's report.) But there were two defects observed by your committee. The first is drainage. We noticed surface water standing in small pools in some places. Also the sink where the slops and refuse are thrown emitted an unhealthy and most offensive odor. The use of disinfectants does not overcome the difficulty. The only way to remedy this is by the construction of a drain which can be frequently flushed with water. Both of these can be easily done and at a small cost. We therefore recommend the construction of suitable drains for this purpose.

The second defect is hospital accommodations. The hospital is now located in the court of the new prison. The place is damp and inconvenient, as it must be of necessity, and does not aid in restoring the patient to health. Some means should be employed to remedy this, either by fitting up a hospital in some one of the prison buildings, or, if this is not practicable, by the erection of a building for this purpose.

With reference to the discipline of the prison, the testimony taken reveals these unpleasant facts :

First—That under the present management of the prison, there has been a laxness in discipline, as seen in allowing the prisoners to collect together in groups in the prison yard, and also as seen in the decrease of the amount and detraction from the quality of labor performed by the prisoners.

Second—That privileges have been granted certain prisoners which if continued, must eventually result in the further demoralization of the prisoners.

Third—That between the old employes, for the most part, and the new employes of the prison there is a serious lack of harmony.

Fourth—That between the superintendent and the directors there has been the same lack of harmony, arising out of the question as to what are the powers and duties of each in the management of the prison, and in view of the above we recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

G. H. PARKER, *for Committee.*

APPENDIX "D."

REPORT OF THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE INCREASE OF STATE EXPENSES.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

The Special Committee appointed by virtue of a Joint Resolution to report relative to the increase of our State expenditures, would respectfully report that they have given the subject as much consideration as possible consistent with their other duties, and they submit herewith a statement of the current expenses of the State for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1860, and also for the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1876, adding also the expense incident to the regular session of the legislature in 1874, as there was no session in the year 1876.

It appears from these statements that the expenses for the year ending August 31st, 1860, deducting special appropriations not properly chargeable to the current expenses of the year, were \$142,982.48—that the expenses for the year ending July 31st, 1876, making similar deductions, were \$244,954.73, and that adding the expenses incident to the regular session of the legislature, (but not those of the extra session of 1875), \$81,322.23, would make the total current expenses of a year including the regular session amount to \$326,276.96, making the total increase \$183,294.48, or nearly one hundred and twenty-nine per cent. The increase in our expenses in 1876, without any session, over the expenses of 1860, including the expenses of the regular session, is \$101,972.25. The biennial session of 1874 was only two days longer than that of 1860, so that the comparison so far as expenses incident to legislative session is concerned is not materially affected thereby. In these statements we have not included any payments on account of principal or interest of the State debt, or other payments not properly chargeable to the current expenses.

While much of this increase is caused by the progress of the State in caring for the interests of the people in the matters of education, the advancement of the agricultural and other material interests of the State, the establishment and maintenance of reformatory institutions, as well as the increased expenses in almost everything since 1860 owing to the depreciation of the currency and other causes, we think that at least "the first step" in the right direction should be taken now and that hereafter the expenses can be reduced more and more.

The most we can really hope to accomplish at this time is to bring the facts before the people in a way so plain that they can see just what our expenses are and what they are for, giving them an opportunity to reflect upon them, and the legislature of 1878 will be better prepared to act upon the question than we are with the imperfect examination we can give the matter at this time.

With this view, we recommend the adoption of the Joint Resolution herewith submitted, so that the Report of the Auditor of Accounts may hereafter exhibit a more comprehensive and detailed summary of the receipts and disbursements of the State revenue. We would refer to the Auditor's Report of 1860 as a model in this respect. By means of that report any person can ascertain the facts in regard to the expenses, while the later reports are such as not only to require days of labor, but uncertainty as to the correctness of the result, unless the vouchers are examined in detail. In order to ascertain in regard to the receipts and disbursements, you must collate and compare the reports of the Treasurer, Auditor of Accounts and County Clerks, examine the vouchers and classify the items, and be very careful to add to or deduct from the expenses of the different departments items which appear in others. The classification in the Auditor's report is very defective, so that if, for example, it should be desirable to ascertain the costs of the Board of Insurance Commissioners, it would be necessary to examine all the vouchers in detail, as some items are found in "Official Expenses," some in "Printing Reports," and some in "Miscellaneous," and the same remarks will apply in respect to other expenses.

The increase in court expenses is very marked. In 1860, they were, after deducting all fines, costs and fees, \$65,570.24 ; in 1866, about \$105,000.00 ; in 1872, about \$128,000.00, and in 1876, \$133,583.92, an increase over 1860 of \$68,013.68. The different items of this increase may be seen by comparing the items under the classification of Court Expenses for those two years.

The great increase in the costs of criminal examinations and the fees of sheriffs and jailers demands careful consideration. The expense of enforcing the provisions of chapter ninety-four of the General Statutes, *in the manner in which the local officers in some of the counties manage it*, is a constantly increasing drain upon the State Treasury without corresponding benefit to the State. Judging from all the light we can get upon this subject, the law in some of our larger counties is only so far enforced as to give sheriffs, jailers, justices of the peace and grand jurors a large income from the State, and it is against their interest to stop the traffic in intoxicating drinks and thus "kill the goose that lays the golden egg" for them. We regret that the returns are so defective, that it is impossible to even approximately estimate the sum total of this drain. In Rutland County we find that the amount of costs allowed in proceedings before justices of the peace and judges of the municipal court in proceedings under chapter ninety-four, are about \$5,125.00, while the costs of all other criminal examinations before such officers are only about \$1,050.00. The total number of orders drawn by the County Clerk, in this county, is 639, of which 567 are for costs under chapter ninety-four. It costs the State to pay each one of these orders, no matter how small in amount, the sum of at least one dollar. The accounts of the sheriff, jailer and county clerk do not show the amount of expenses as to the offenses committed.

In Chittenden County the jailer's account for the board of prisoners in jail shows that the State paid for the board of persons arrested for intoxication \$3,086.30—for board of persons arrested under other provisions of chapter ninety-four, \$429.00—total, \$3,515.30, and for the board of all other prisoners only \$1,214.20.

The construction of the law allowing for the board of prisoners

is in some counties unjust—thus, if a person is arrested at night and discharged in the morning, the evening and morning are not the same day, but two distinct days, and the State pays for the two days' board of a person who may have had only lodging and breakfast.

In some counties the one-fourth of the fine allowed complainants is in a large number of cases paid to the jailer and deputy-sheriffs.

It seems to some of your committee that the laws paying salaries to the judges of the municipal courts should be repealed. They are for local convenience alone and should be supported by the communities for whose benefit these courts were established. The allowing of double costs in criminal cases tried before two of these courts, is also a tax upon the State.

The increase in the amount paid for printing and stationery is very great. The cause of this is due in a great degree to the freedom with which the people's money is voted to print reports, some of which are of little value, and of those that are valuable there are printed in some cases more copies than necessary.

We recommend that all the printing of the State, so far as is practicable, and also the furnishing of stationery for the use of the General Assembly, State officers and county clerks, be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, separate bids being received for furnishing stationery, and we recommend that the practice of "spreading" in printing reports be abandoned. In illustration, we cite the following examples:—In the Auditor's Report for 1866, his orders, six hundred and eleven in number, occupy a little more than twenty-three pages, while the same number of orders in the last biennial report occupy forty-four pages in 1875, and forty-seven in 1876, more than doubling the cost of paper and composition upon the same basis as to price. Only twenty-nine County Clerks' orders are printed on a page in the last report against thirty-six to the page in 1866. This can be corrected by the proper officers' refusing to approve or pay bills where it is practiced.

In reports let under the contract of 1874, the price of composition was, per one thousand ems, thirty-three cents for plain

composition and sixty cents for tables. In publications not included in the contract the prices allowed and paid were, in 1875, as follows :

	Price per 1000 ems.	Increase over con- tract price for other work.
	Cents.	Cents.
Legislative Directory,	85	52
Governor and Council,	80	47
Insurance Commissioners' Report,	65	32
Fish Commissioners' " "	60	27
Compilation Grand List Laws,	60	27
Education Report, plain,	40	7
" " tables,	75	15
Registration Report,	60	27
" " nonpareil,	90	57
" " tables,	\$1 20	60

The contract price for paper was \$5.84 per ream. The prices allowed and paid per ream were \$7.50 for Fish Commissioners' Report ; \$6.00 for Insurance Commissioners' Report ; \$12.00 for Legislative Directory.

In regard to some of these publications an additional price could undoubtedly be properly charged, but we can see no reason for so great an increase in most of them.

This evil can be remedied by the officers making the contracts for this printing, or by the Auditor of Accounts where no contract is made.

We recommend that only seven hundred copies of the Legislative Directory be printed, to be bound in muslin and to be similar in contents to the small directory of 1876, with the addition of the map of the State ; the discontinuance of the publication of the Insurance Commissioners' Report ; the reduction in number and size of the Agricultural Report ; the discontinuance of the publication of the Report of the Dairymen's Association, except in connection with the Agricultural Report ; the discontinuance of the publication of Schedules A, B and C of the Quartermaster General's Report ; that the Registration Report be hereafter published biennially in one volume, condensing it as much as possible consistent with the preservation of its value.

The law provides that the reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court "shall receive from the State an amount equal to the actual cost of the publication, binding and transportation" of such copies. We think it the duty of the Auditor to ascertain and pay the "actual cost" and not simply pay such sum as the reporter directs, as has been the custom.

The increase in the expenses of the State in the care of the Insane and in consequence of the establishment of the Reform School, have not been considered by the committee, as they have been before joint committees of the Senate and House, who have the whole subject in their charge.

The question in regard to salaries and expenses of State officers has been fully discussed and decided at this session, and we do not feel called upon to express any opinion.

The Committees on Education of both Houses having examined all matters connected therewith, we have not considered the subject of the expenses thereof.

Upon the whole question as to the real advancement we have made in education, and the care and protection of the insane, and the value of our reformatory institutions, we do not comment. Whether wise or unwise they are the result of the policy of the State adopted years ago, the essential facts are known to the people, and it is for them to decide whether our progress as a people, morally and intellectually during the last two decades, have justified the expenses, and to them belongs the final decision of all these questions. If they desire any change they are not dumb that they cannot speak.

The increase in legislative expenses, in addition to matters already treated, is due to the increase in the per diem of the officers and members of the General Assembly. We do not find that the present pay is anything more than the "reasonable compensation" mentioned in the Constitution. The debentures of the General Assembly for the biennial period at the present rates are less than for the two annual sessions under the old rates.

The delay in making this report has been unavoidable, arising from the necessity of comparing, collating, arranging and classi-

fyng accounts and examining vouchers, so as to be able to present a true statement of our expenditures. We do not make many recommendations, because bills have been introduced and discussed bearing upon nearly all subjects in connection with matters referred to in this report, our principal object being to present to you a statement of the facts as they exist.

We will hereafter report any bills by us deemed necessary, if we find that they have not already been introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, } *Senate*
ARTEMAS CUSHMAN, } *Committee.*
JOHN LYNDE, }

ELIJAH D. BLODGETT, } *House*
WILLIAM H. DU BOIS, } *Committee.*
SAMUEL W. BAILEY, }
JNO. W. NEWTON, }
GEORGE CRANE, }

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1876.

COURT EXPENSES.

Auditor's orders for court expenses,	\$49,566 98
do services of court auditors,	1,154 50
do expenses pursuit of criminals,	4,547 25
do salaries judges of supreme court,	17,500 00
do judges of probate,	11,750 00
do State's attorneys,	4,700 00
do judges municipal courts,	1,200 00
do supreme court reporter,	650 00
do State prison directors,	519 75
County clerks' fees and expenses,	11,387 76
Sheriffs' and jailers' fees,	30,657 65

Costs of criminal examinations,	26,551 39
Debentures juries, witnesses and county judges,	34,683 09
One-fourth penalty in liquor pros- ecutions,	1,888 75
Publishing Vermont reports,	1,917 50
	\$198,624 62

From this deduct	
Repaid by county clerks,	\$28,247 71
Fines and costs paid do.	
and treasurer,	18,123 08.
Fees of county clerks	
paid State,	7,124 23
Fees of judges of pro-	
bate less amount of	
excess paid counties,	11,403 18
Errors in orders refunded,	142 50
	\$65,040 70
	\$133,583 92

SALARIES AND EXPENSES STATE OFFICERS.

Governor's salary and expenses,	\$1,158 50
Treasurer, do	3,311 59
Secretary of state, do	2,524 06
Auditor of accounts, do	2,285 31
Adjutant and inspector general and assistant, salaries and expenses,	1,453 17
Quartermaster-general's salary,	700 00
Secretary of civil and military affairs,	150 00
Librarian, do	350 00
Sergeant-at-arms, do	150 00
Railroad commissioner, salary and expenses,	599 90

Inspector of finance, salary,	200 00	
County commissioners,	264 86	
Expenses insurance commissioners,	80 74	
		\$18,228 18

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Printing and binding registration		
report, two years,	\$1,789 56	
do Governor and Council,	2,271 01	
1,300 copies Dairymen's Association,	296 05	
Grand list books and quadrennial val.,	939 25	
Distributing agricultural report,	305 59	
Blanks for insurance commissioners,	467 00	
Publishing laws,	25 45	
Printing, advertising and blanks,	1,469 67	
		\$7,563 58

STATE HOUSE.

Labor, furniture and repairs,	\$3,006 56
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DEAF, DUMB, BLIND, INSANE, ETC.

American Asylum for deaf and dumb,	\$3,766 16	
Clark Institute for deaf mutes,	375 00	
Massachusetts School for idiotic and feeble minded,	850 00	
Vermont Asylum, paupers and transient insane,	22,834 61	
Board of paupers in jails,	236 25	
Commissioner of insane, salary,	150 00	
		\$28,212 02

STATE PRISON.

Expenses building, &c.,	\$10,947 79
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EDUCATION.

Town superintendents,	\$9,949 49	
Educational expenses, including sal- ary of secretary,	8,305 48	
Appropriations for normal schools,	4,500 00	
Compiling laws relating to education,	200 00	
		\$17,954 97

MILITIA.

Sundry expenses,	\$10,192 26	
Quartermaster general's expenses,	5,566 86	
		<u>15,759 12</u>

AGRICULTURE.

Board of Agriculture, &c.,	\$2,635 98
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FISH COMMISSIONERS.

Fish commissioners' expenses, less refunded error,	\$751 67
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LIBRARY, ETC.

Library appropriation and expenses, less ft. refunded,	\$1,523 13	
Cabinet natural history, annual appro- priation and expenses,	226 09	
		<u>\$1,749 22</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

Services and expenses compiling Gov- ernor and Council,	\$623 00	
Assessment and collection of taxes in gores, &c.,	176 94	
Balance due for statue of Ethan Allen, and freight,	2,958 82	
Copying probate records, Bennington dist.,	653 93	
Expenses in civil suits,	23 85	
Bear certificates,	985 00	
Election returns,	192 20	
Advertising,	35 50	
		<u>\$5,649 24</u>

REFORM SCHOOL.

Construction and current expenses,	\$30,025 40
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PRINTING AND STATIONERY, OLD ACCOUNT.

Accounts paid in 1876, but for reports, &c., 1869—74,		<u>\$3,957 22</u>
Making total State expenses,		\$275,024 70
From this deduct extraordinary expenses as follows:		
State prison building account, say	\$10,500 00	
Reform school do say	12,000 00	
Printing and stationery, old account,	3,957 22	
Statue of Ethan Allen,	2,958 82	
Copying records, Beunington probate district,	653 93	
Total,		<u>\$80,069 97</u>

Leaves balance for State expenses for
year ending July 31, 1876, \$244,954 78

The above shows as nearly correct as possible the current expenses of the year without any session of the legislature.

The extra expenses of 1875, caused by the biennial session of the legislature, excluding the extra session, are as follows:

Debentures of the General Assembly, \$48,833 00

PRINTING REPORTS.

Compiling and printing insurance		
commissioners' report,	\$1,219 75	
State officers' report,	1,222 65	
Education report,	3,540 91	
Agricultural do	3,735 91	
Fish commissioners' do	162 75	
Legislative directory,	2,359 00	
Senate and House journals,	1,963 60	
Address, officers' reunion,	80 00	
Printing Governor's message, Senate and House bills, commissions, &c.,		
	2,499 90	
Printing and publishing laws,	5,809 39	
		<u>\$22,593 86</u>

Employes' debentures,	\$2,190 00	
Fuel, gas, ice, labor, &c., for session,	1,222 46	
Stationery,	2,735 61	
Newspapers,	1,046 80	
		\$7,194 87
Salaries of secretary and assistant secretary of the Senate, clerk and assistant clerks of the House, engrossing clerk and reporters,		\$ 2,700 50
Total expenses incident to session of legislature,		\$81,322 23
Adding these legislative expenses to the current expenses for the year ending July 31, 1876, we have expenses for year when the legisla- ture is in session,		\$826,276 96
In making these statements, all extraordinary ex- penses being deducted, and all receipts which should properly go to the reduction of expenses having been credited, it leaves current ex- penses without a session of the legislature,		\$244,954 73
do with a session of the legislature,		\$826,276 96

DISBURSEMENTS 1860.

COURT EXPENSES.

Court auditors,	\$661 30
Expenses pursuit of criminals,	350 52
Salaries judges of supreme court,	11,509 94
Judges of probate,	5,125 00
State's attorneys,	5,938 19
Supreme court reporter,	450 00
State prison directors,	248 65
County clerks' fees and expenses,	9,429 58
Sheriffs' and jailers' fees and expenses,	13,305 44
Costs of criminal examinations,	4,595 53
Debentures juries, witnesses and judges,	22,899 48

Publishing Vermont reports,	1,197 15	
Miscellaneous,	1,167 35	
		76,873 14
From this deduct		
Fines and costs,	\$1,279 08	
Fees of county clerks,	5,064 05	
Fees of judges of probate,	2,408 50	
Fees of State's attorneys,	2,551 27	
		\$11,302 90
		\$65,570 24

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF STATE OFFICERS.

Governor,	\$1,050 00	
Treasurer,	512 00	
Secretary of State,	400 00	
Auditor of accounts,	519 60	
Adjutant and inspector general,	227 80	
Quartermaster general,	162 32	
Secretary of civil and military affairs,	275 00	
Librarian and assistant,	207 00	
Sergeant-at-arms,	150 00	
Railroad commissioner,	548 37	
County commissioners,	615 04	
Bank commissioners,	500 00	
Official postage and express,	246 18	
		\$5,413 31

PRINTING.

Compilation, printing and binding registration report,	\$1,652 57	
Grand list books, two years,	400 50	
		\$2,053 07

DEAF, DUMB, BLIND, INSANE, ETC.

American Asylum for deaf and dumb,	\$1,075 00
Perkins Institution for blind,	2,186 67

Vermont Asylum for insane,	9,143 02	
Board of paupers in jail,	69 48	
		\$12,474 17

STATE PRISON.

Repairs and library,		\$4,025 00
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EDUCATION.

Town superintendents,	\$4,615 05	
Board of education, including salary,	2,264 08	
		\$6,879 13

MILITIA.

Volunteer militia,	\$2,781 00	
Quartermaster general's expenses,	6 00	
		\$2,787 00

AGRICULTURE.

Paid county societies,		\$1,832 45
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LIBRARY, ETC.

Appropriation and expenses,	\$1,310 23	
Cabinet natural history,	110 17	
		\$1,420 40

MISCELLANEOUS.

Statue of Ethan Allen,	\$800 00	
State Geologist,	500 00	
Election returns,	579 97	
Bear certificates,	575 00	
Bank of Poultney, special account,	413 10	
Miscellaneous,	46 00	
		\$2,964 07

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.

Debentures General Assembly,	\$28,328 40	
Salaries of secretary and assistant		
secretary of the Senate,	375 00	
Clerk of House of Representatives,		
including assistants,	700 00	\$29,403 40

Printing auditor's report,	555	15	
do education report,	750	50	
Senate journal and House journal,			
two years,	2,114	13	
Printing and publishing laws,	1,811	51	
Railroad commissioner's report,	407	28	
Directory,	160	07	
Printing bills, &c.,	719	87	\$6,518 51
Employes' debentures,	1,322	75	
Stationery,	912	09	
Newspapers,	1,007	74	
Fuel, gas, furniture, repairs, labor,			
expenses of committees, &c.,	3,602	25	
			\$6,844 83

STATE HOUSE.

Amount paid for rebuilding, \$28,009 35

Making total State expenses, \$176,194 98

From this deduct extraordinary expenses as follows :

State prison building account,	\$4,000	00	
State House construction,	28,009	35	
Statue of Ethan Allen,	800	00	
Bank of Poultney,	413	10	
			\$33,212 45

Leaves balance for State expenses for
year ending ———, 1860, \$142,982 48

To the House of Representatives :

The Special Committee on the part of the House under a joint resolution relating to State expenses, respectfully submit the foregoing report of the Joint Special Committee, relating to the increase of the State expenses.

Also, a joint resolution requiring reports in regard to costs of criminal prosecutions, herewith :

JOINT RESOLUTION REQUIRING REPORTS IN REGARD TO COSTS OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives :

1. That the auditor of accounts be and hereby is directed to order the several court auditors to allow no accounts of any sheriff, jailer, state's attorney, county clerk, justice of the peace, judge of a municipal court or other person, unless such account specifies the offense charged or law violated, on account of which such expenses or fees were incurred, and no account of a sheriff, jailer, state's attorney or county clerk shall be allowed, unless it contains a true summary, stating the amount of such fees, and expenses which are properly chargeable to the following classes of offenses :

First—Offenses punishable by death or imprisonment in the State prison.

Second—Offenses against chapter ninety-four of the general statutes, and acts in addition to or in amendment thereof.

Third—Minor offenses not included in either of the above classifications.

2. That the auditor of accounts be and hereby is directed to order the county clerks to state in the abstract of orders drawn by them in favor of justices of the peace and other officers and persons, except orders drawn in favor of sheriffs, jailers and county clerks, the nature of the offense charged, and the result of the judgment or other proceedings.

3. That the auditor of accounts be and hereby is directed to publish in his biennial report a summary giving an abstract of the revenue and disbursements of the State for each fiscal year, properly classified, whether received or disbursed by the State treasurer, auditor of accounts or county clerks, and also a summary giving the amounts allowed in each county as specified in

the abstract of orders drawn by the county clerks, and their returns, classified as stated in the first clause of this resolution.

4. That the auditor of accounts be and hereby is directed to furnish any newspaper published in this State, desiring it for publication without expense to the State, on or before the tenth day of September in each year in which there is no regular session of the legislature, the summaries mentioned in the third clause of this resolution.

E. D. BLODGETT, *for Committee on part of House.*

APPENDIX "E."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE INSANE
ASYLUM.*To the Honorable Senate and**House of Representatives now in session :*

Your committees, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message relating to the Insane, beg leave to state that although they were appointed by each House as separate standing committees, yet they have acted jointly in their investigations, and, therefore, take the liberty of submitting their conclusions in a joint report.

Before entering upon a statement of our finding of facts and the conclusions deducible therefrom, it may be pertinent to give a brief resume of the often repeated history and relation of the asylum for the insane at Brattleboro to the State.

The institution had its origin in a bequest by Mrs. Annie Marsh of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, of ten thousand dollars, and was incorporated by the legislature in November, 1834. From the year 1835 to 1843, the State donated, in a series of instalments, the sum of twenty three thousand dollars for the benefit of the institution, and by the terms of the acts of appropriation passed in 1840 and 1843 (that of 1843 being the last appropriation to aid in building,) the State reserved a lien upon the real estate of the corporation, to be enforced whenever the institution should cease to exist for the purposes contemplated in its charter. Shortly after our appointment, we requested the commissioner for the insane, Dr. Atwater of Burlington, and the superintendent of the asylum, Dr. Draper of Brattleboro, to meet us at Montpelier, which they did ; and such information upon the questions at issue was at that meeting obtained as was practicable. Afterwards, on the 31st day of October and the 1st of the present month, we vis-

ited the asylums at Brattleboro and Northampton, Massachusetts, making as careful examination and comparison of the two institutions and their methods of operation as we were able in the time expended. Subsequently, we again met the commissioner and superintendent at Montpelier, concluding our investigations at that hearing.

Is the treatment of the insane at the Brattleboro asylum successful? This question we deem to be the one of paramount importance, and upon its solution practically depends the whole issue.

Has the institution the means and appliances which, if brought into proper use, would secure the result desired? This leads us to the consideration of the location and construction of the asylum buildings, their capacity and adaptation for the purposes used.

The buildings are located about one mile from the depot at the beautiful village of Brattleboro, having in their immediate vicinity grounds and surroundings affording a most satisfactory opportunity for pleasant outside exercise. The main or principal structure stands upon the north side of the road leading from Brattleboro westerly, and the so called Marsh building upon the south side of the road, opposite the main buildings. Their external appearance is not that of a "huge pile of brick and mortar," but in architectural design and construction is such as would rank fairly with other buildings of like character in the country. The internal arrangement of the rooms in the principal buildings, as to size, light, cleanliness, ventilation and means of controlling temperature, was a matter which attracted our special attention and most careful examination, and upon the whole, we were inclined to the opinion that it was in neither respect mentioned substantially defective or objectionable, although some of us thought a few of the sleeping rooms hardly sufficient in size. We did not find the internal construction of the Marsh building as satisfactory as that of the others in all respects, although not very materially exposed to criticism, but we were assured by the trustees that it was their present purpose to overhaul and thor-

oughly renovate this building as soon as found practicable, considering their means for so doing.

We discovered no want of furniture, bedding, etc., either in quantity or quality, and thought it sufficient for the comfort of the patients.

Although of minor importance, perhaps, in some respects, yet we think it our duty to suggest that a comparatively inconsiderable outlay in the direction of additional adornment of the walls is desirable, and might at least produce an appreciably beneficial result.

A few words about the court yards connected with the buildings may not be out of place. They were provided for the purpose of securing a more extensive and less expensive admission of a certain class of patients to air and exercise than they would otherwise have. The one connected with the main buildings seems not to be faulty, but that adjacent to the Marsh building is certainly "not a thing of beauty," however well it may subserve purposes of utility, although in justice it may be said that this yard was designed and is used by a class so near a state of dementia as are apparently hardly capable of discerning or appreciating beauty. Thus much will suffice concerning the location and construction, external and internal, of the building.

Have the buildings sufficient capacity for the number of patients now there in keeping, and, if so, is it for the best interests of successful treatment that so large a number should be kept together in one asylum under one direction and management?

If the second question should be unconditionally answered in the affirmative, the first might be relieved of any considerable difficulty, as the buildings are not over crowded, but upon the second question hangs the doubt. It is probable that a preponderance of opinion of the experts upon this subject is in favor of limiting the number of patients in any institution for the treatment of the insane to three hundred, claiming as reasons for that belief, that each hospital must be under the sole control of one man, to act both as superintendent and physician, who cannot properly discharge his duty to each patient, having a larger number than

that under his care for treatment, and farther, that they cannot be as well classified, and are exposed to unreasonable and extraordinary perils of epidemics and casualties. Upon the other side it is urged that no detriment results from the keeping together of a very much larger number, and that the whole question is one of comparative means and necessities. That while one superintendent may not be able to treat and direct the treatment and care of a number exceeding three hundred patients, yet he may be entirely able to faithfully and efficiently discharge his obligations to an institution having many more than that, among which are a proportion of incurables sufficiently large to reduce the number of those who could possibly be benefited by treatment to much less than three hundred. Quite a proportion of the inhabitants of the asylum at Brattleboro are in a chronic stage of disease, many being hopelessly incurable, hence being past the reach of medical treatment do not necessarily engage any considerable attention from the superintendent as directing physician. The theory of the learned upon this subject seems to favor about three hundred patients as the maximum number allowable, while the practice of the same enlightened class, particularly in public institutions in this country, tolerates a much larger number.

Next, is the treatment of the inmates of the Vermont asylum of that approved character as would be expected to produce reasonably beneficial effects? We have heard no complaint about the manner in which they are clothed or fed and certainly discerned no cause for any. We were not able to determine to our utmost satisfaction as to the efficiency of their open air exercise, although we were assured by the managers that it was fully up to their needs and the requirements of health. Judging from what we saw and were able to learn respecting diversions by way of entertainment and amusements it would be unjust to find the management markedly faulty in this direction.

We found a comparatively small number of patients undergoing different kinds or forms of restraint, but in no instance, in our belief, did the cause or method involve either cruelty or impropriety. A few were secluded by being locked in separate rooms, but this small number included none whom it was safe to allow in

company or association with others. This fact was perfectly patent from the appearance of the patients. In conclusion of this subject we could not find that mechanical restraints, locks, grates or bars occupy any more prominent position in the ordering or direction of the Vermont asylum than in the asylum at Northampton. No evidence has been discernible to us, that the active medical treatment of the patient was less or different from that which the best skill would suggest; and we certainly would not feel justified in indulging in speculative conjectures in the entire absence of proof and against the presence of probabilities.

The number and apparent standing of the corps of medical attendants we found to be equal to that at Northampton, and the number of subordinate attendants a few more than at the last named hospital, and the number of inmates at the two institutions the same.

Our statement thus far has been confined to what we conceived to be such facts and conclusions of fact as are true and material and bearing upon what might be expected for results.

We now come to the results as proved by the statistics of the Vermont asylum in comparison with those of other States. We make comparisons for the last ten years and find the percentage of recoveries for that time at the Vermont asylum to be 32.04; and of deaths, 7.02. The mean average of percentage of recoveries and deaths for the rest of New England during the same time, we find to be as follows:

Percentage of recoveries, 32.14; of deaths, 10.25. These comparisons have been made with institutions similar in character with that at Brattleboro, and we believe them a fair test, which, if true, leaves the conclusion inevitable that the treatment of the insane at the Vermont asylum is at least reasonably successful.

We could hardly do full justice to the questions involved without briefly stating our opinion in regard to the tendency of the institution at Brattleboro, in the direction of improvement and reform. It is quite clear that it has not reached a state of perfection, but quite as evident that the last few years have witnessed a substantial change in many respects, all of which have materially

bettered its condition, and at the present time still further modifications and changes in the direction of reform are in contemplation. We are fully satisfied that the institution is under the management of humane, competent and conscientious officials, whose single purpose is to do their duty fully and well.

At this point we may be pardoned for venturing an opinion upon the question of propriety of establishing a State asylum. If one were to be erected, its capacity should undoubtedly be equal to the accommodation of three hundred patients. According to the best authorities the expense of buildings, apparatus and appliances, at the lowest estimate, would be at the rate of one thousand dollars for each patient to be accommodated, making the cost, if authority and the experiences of other States are at all reliable, three hundred thousand dollars.

The cost of the asylums in Massachusetts, with one or two exceptions, have been largely in excess of the above estimate.

In view of these facts, we do not feel self-sacrificing enough, to take upon ourselves the burden of attempting to secure the necessary appropriation for that purpose.

We have been requested by the superintendent and trustees of the asylum, to recommend a bill increasing the pay for keeping State insane to three dollars and fifty cents per week, and the aid to towns to one dollar per week.

We are of the opinion that the State should pay the asylum the actual cost of keeping and supporting its insane, and no more—and are also of the opinion that the cost, upon an average, is three dollars and thirty-three cents per week for each patient,—we therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying bill herewith submitted.

HENRY C. BELDEN, C. W. BRIGHAM, E. P. GEORGE,	} <i>Committee of the Senate.</i>
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R. C. ABELL, RALPH SHERWOOD, E. O. PORTER, CHARLES W. CLARK, P. R. FOLLANSBY,	} <i>Committee on part of the House.</i>
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STATE OF VERMONT.

By **ASAHEL PECK, Governor.**

A PROCLAMATION.

In obedience to the custom of our fathers—a custom having its origin in the relation of man to his Maker—hitherto sacredly observed and handed down to their children until it has become of national regard; and in accordance with the recommendation of the President of the United States, I hereby appoint Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November, A. D. 1875, a day of public thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God. And I recommend that, on that day, the people of the State, abstaining from all unnecessary labor and employment, assemble in their chosen places of public worship, there, as well as in private devotions, to give thanks and praise to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the innumerable blessings bestowed upon us as a State and individuals, and make Thanksgiving Day truly a day of giving thanks; thanks which give expression not only in exercises of public and private devotions, but also in remembering the needy and distressed, by acts of mercy and deeds of charity and benevolence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, in Executive Chamber at Montpelier, this eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and of the independence of the United States the one hundredth.

ASAHEL PECK.

By the Governor,

W. P. DILLINGHAM, *Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.*

STATE OF VERMONT.

By **ASAHEL PECK**, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

In conformity to the hallowed custom of our forefathers, and in reverent recognition of the duty on which it was founded—that a people at periods set apart for that purpose, pause in the busy scenes of life and publicly and unitedly, as well as privately, contemplate the relation of man to the Creator and Ruler of the Universe; especially in view of the many short comings, both as a people and individuals,—I do hereby appoint Friday, the fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1876, a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer; and I recommend that the people of the State, on that day, abstain from all unnecessary labor and from recreation and amusement, and assemble at places of public worship and devote the day to public and private exercises appropriate to its religious observance throughout the State.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, in Executive Chamber at Montpelier, this twenty-ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six and of the independence of the United States the one hundredth.

ASAHEL PECK.

By the Governor,

W. P. DILLINGHAM, *Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.*

STATE OF VERMONT.

By HORACE FAIRBANKS, Governor.**A PROCLAMATION.**

A completed century of national existence, the crowning of the year with bountiful harvests, the continued blessings of health, of peace, of intelligence, and loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, call for the utterance of Praise and Thanksgiving.

In accordance with established custom, and the Proclamation of the President of the United States, I, Horace Fairbanks, Governor of Vermont, do hereby designate and appoint Thursday, the thirtieth day of November instant, as a day of public Thanksgiving and Praise to our Heavenly Father.

Let us on this day abstain from our ordinary labors, assemble in our accustomed places of worship, lift our hearts with offerings of gratitude and thanksgiving to our Divine Benefactor, for the countless blessings—public and individual—which He has most graciously bestowed; and especially let “thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift”—our Saviour and Redeemer.

On this day let our homes be filled with joy and love; let the festal board bespeak the bounties of the Divine Hand—and out of our abundance let the heart of the desolate be cheered, and the home of the destitute be made glad, that the “expectation of the poor” be not disappointed.

And let all, with heart and soul, in one general thanksgiving, join in the words of inspiration:

“Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto Thee do we give thanks.”

“Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee.”

“Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.”

Given under my hand, and seal of the State, in the Executive Chamber, at Montpelier, this fourteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, of the independence of the United States the one hundred and first, and of this Commonwealth the one hundredth.

HORACE FAIRBANKS.

By the Governor,

A. E. RANKIN, *Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.*

STATE OF VERMONT.

By HORACE FAIRBANKS, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

The Lord reigneth: He establisheth the nations; ordaineth rulers; giveth rain, dew and sunshine, and maketh the earth fruitful; feedeth all mankind and prospereth their labor; controlleth the “pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday;” numbereth the hairs of the head; careth for all things. He is Lord God over all.

Wherefore, in conformity with wise and long established usage, I, Horace Fairbanks, Governor of the State of Vermont do hereby designate Friday, the thirtieth instant, to be observed by the people of this State as a day of Fasting, and of Supplication to Almighty God.

On that day let us rest from our usual vocations, assemble in our respective places of public worship, confess and forsake our manifold transgressions, acknowledge His righteous providence,

and with sincere devotion humbly implore His continued favor through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us remember that the Fast God has chosen consists in true repentance and reformation, the fruits of which are "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

With reverent and obedient hearts let us earnestly seek his protection and guidance in the varied industrial, educational, governmental and religious interests of the State and nation; that peace, plenty, prosperity, intelligence and sound morality may be established and abound.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, at St. Johnsbury, this seventeenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, of the independence of the United States the one hundred and first, and of this Commonwealth the one hundredth.

HORACE FAIRBANKS.

By the Governor,

A. E. RANKIN, *Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.*

MANUAL OF THE LEGISLATURE OF VERMONT, FOR THE YEARS 1876-7.

The "term" of Senators and Representatives means the term of service in both Houses. As to the officers, "term" means the time served by each in said office.

JUDICIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES.

UNITED STATES OFFICIALS.

Office.	When and where born.	Occupation.	Term.
David A. Smalley, Burlington...	District Judge... Middlebury, April 1, 1809	attorney	17
Benjamin F. Fifield, Montpelier...	District Attorney Orange, Nov. 18, 1836	attorney	6
George P. Foster, Burlington...	Marshal... Walden, Oct. 3, 1839	marshal	5
Bradley B. Smalley, Burlington...	Clerk... Jericho, Nov. 26, 1836	clerk	14
William Wells, Burlington...	Collector... Waterbury, Dec. 14, 1837	merchant	4

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

Justin S. Morrill, Strafford...	Senator... Strafford, April 12, 1810	farmer	9
George F. Edmunds, Burlington...	Senator... Richmond, Feb. 1, 1828	attorney	3
Charles H. Joyce, Rutland...	Representative... England, Jan. 30, 1833	attorney	2
Dudley C. Denison, Royalton...	Representative... Sept. 13, 1819	attorney	2
George W. Hendee, Morristown...	Representative... Stowe, Nov. 30, 1832	attorney	3

SUPREME COURT OF VERMONT.

John Pierpoint, Vergennes...	Chief Justice... Litchfield, Ct., Sept. 10, 1806	attorney	17
James Barrett, Woodstock...	Ass't Justice... Strafford, May 31, 1814	attorney	17

SUPREME COURT OF VERMONT.

Office.	When and where born.	Occupation.	Term.
Hoyt H. Wheeler, Jamaica.	Ass't Justice	Chesterfield, N. H., Aug. 30, 1833.	attorney..... 4
Homor E. Royce, St. Albans.	Ass't Justice	Berkshire, _____, 1819.	attorney..... 3
Timothy P. Redfield, Montpelier.	Ass't Justice	Coventry, Nov. 3, 1812.	attorney..... 8
Jonathan Ross, St. Johnsbury	Ass't Justice	Waterford, April 30, 1826.	attorney..... 3
H. Henry Powers, Morristown.	Ass't Justice	Morristown, May 29, 1835.	attorney..... 1
John W. Rowell, Randolph.	Reporter	Lebanon, N. H., June 9, 1835.	attorney..... 2

CIVIL GOVERNMENT OF VERMONT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Office.	Where and when born.	Occupation.	Term.
Horace Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury, Governor.	Barnet, March 21, 1820.	manufacturer.....	1
Andrew E. Rankin, St. Johnsbury, Sec'y of Civ. and Mil.	Salisbury, N. H., June 8, 1832.	attorney.....	1
Carl M. Spencer, St. Johnsbury, Messenger.	[Affairs. Burke, Sept. 24, 1862.	student.....	1
Redfield Proctor, Rutland, Lieutenant Governor.	Proctorsville, June 1, 1831.	marble dealer.....	1
John A. Page, Montpelier, Treasurer.	Haverhill, N. H., June 17, 1814.	banker.....	9
John W. Page, Montpelier, Clerk.	Danville, April 19, 1847.	clerk.....	8
Charles M. Thompson, Montpelier, Messenger.	Montpelier, March 24, 1864.	student.....	1
George Nichols, Northfield, Secretary of State.	Northfield, April 27, 1827.	physician.....	8
Charles W. Porter, Montpelier, Dep. Sec. of State.	Hartford, July 14, 1849.	attorney.....	2
Frederick A. Woodbridge, Vergennes, Assistant.	Vergennes, July 26, 1857.	student.....	1
John H. Merrifield, Newfane, Engraving Clerk.	Newfane, June 12, 1847.	farmer.....	2
Willis A. Guernsey, Milton, Clerk.	Newport, N. H., Oct. 25, 1856.	student.....	1
Jed P. Ladd, Alburgh, Auditor of Accounts.	North Hero, Sept. 28, 1828.	attorney.....	1
Albert W. Ferrin, Montpelier, Clerk.	Johnson, July 4, 1851.	attorney.....	3
Herman D. Hopkins, Montpelier, Messenger.	Montpelier, July 24, 1864.	student.....	1
Truman C. Phinney, Montpelier, Sergeant-at-Arms.	Middlesex, April 11, 1827.	bookseller.....	3
E. S. Camp, Montpelier, Assistant	" Stanstead, P. Q., April 30, 1812.	lumberman.....	2

Walter P. Wheeler, Calais, Clerk.....	Calais, Sept. 25, 1854.....	attorney.....	1
John M. Batchelder, Dorset, Messenger.....	Dorset, July 6, 1862.....	student.....	1
Frank Chauvin, Burlington, Messenger.....	Shelburne, Aug. 6, 1859.....	clerk.....	1
Timothy Merrill, Montpelier, Messenger.....	Montpelier, Dec. 16, 1858.....	student.....	1
Hiram A. Huse, Montpelier, Librarian.....	Randolph, Jan. 17, 1843.....	attorney.....	5
James W. Fargo, Randolph, Assistant Librarian.....	Warren, Dec. 24, 1845.....	clerk.....	4
Miss Lettie E. Durant, Montpelier, Assistant Librarian.....	Waitsfield, June 26, 1854.....	student.....	2
Thomas L. Wood, Randolph, Clerk.....	Randolph, Aug. 1, 1839.....	clerk.....	1
Hiram A. Cutting, Lunenburg, Curator.....	Concord, Dec. 23, 1832.....	physician.....	3
Edward Conant, Randolph, State Sup't of Education.....	Pomfret, May 10, 1829.....	teacher.....	1
Myron W. Bailey, St. Albans, R. R. Commissioner.....	Waterville, Feb. 9, 1836.....	Judge of probate.....	3
Hiram H. Atwater, Burlington, Com'r of Insane.....	Norfolk, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1828.....	physician.....	1
Charles E. Houghton, No. Bennington, } Directors ..	Readsboro, March 10, 1818.....	banker.....	3
Marcus D Gilman, Montpelier, } of ..	Calais, January 28, 1820.....	merchant.....	1
Elon G. Pettigrew, Ludlow, } State Prison.....	Ludlow, Dec. 8, 1831.....	merchant.....	3
John F. Bailey, Windsor, Sup't of State Prison.....	Brattleboro, Sept. 25, 1834.....	farmer	1
Paul Dillingham, Waterbury, } Trustees of the.		attorney.....	3
Victor Atwood, St Albans, } Vermont	Cambridge, May 31, 1807.....	merchant.....	1
Charles Rogers, Jr., Wheelock, } Reform School.....	Alton, N. H., Aug. 23, 1823.....	farmer.....	1
Wm. G. Fairbank, Waterbury, Sup't Vt. Reform School.....	Sterling, Mass., Feb. 24, 1840.....	teacher.....	5

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Horace Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury, Gov. & Com-in-Ch.			
James S. Peck, Montpelier, Adjutant & Inspec. Gen'l. ..	Montpelier, Dec. —, 1839.....	attorney. .	5
Levi G. Kingsley, Rutland, Q. M. General.....	Shrewsbury, May 21, 1832.....	merchant.....	1
Joel H. Lucia, Vergennes, Judge Advocate General.....	Bridport, March 17, 1842.....	attorney.....	1

GOVERNOR'S STAFF.

Henry C. Newell, St. Johnsbury, Surgeon General...	1
John A. Sheldon, Rutland,	
Julius J. Estey, Brattleboro,	
Albert C. Hubbell, Bennington,	
Albert W. Hastings, St. Johnsbury,	
Troy, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1839.....marble dealer....	1
Brattleboro, Jan. 8, 1845.....organ manufact'r. 1	
Aides-de-Camp..	
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THE SENATE.

Counties.	SENATORS.	Address.	Rel. and Pol. Pref.	Where and when born.	Occupation.	Term.
	OFFICERS.	Office.				
	Redfield Proctor, Rutland.....	President.....		Proctorsville, June 1, 1831.....	marble manufact'r. 4	
	Frederick W. Baldwin, Barton.....	Secretary.....		Lowell, Sept. 29, 1848.....	attorney..... 3	
	C. W. Brownell, Jr., Burlington.....	Ass't Secretary.....		Williston, Oct. 7, 1847.....	attorney..... 2	
	N. Newton Glazier, Montpelier.....	Chaplain.....		Stratton, Dec. 12, 1838.....	clergyman..... 3	
	William A. Lord, Montpelier:..	Reporter.....		Montpelier, Aug. 28, 1849.....	attorney..... 2	
	ADDISON.....	Edward Seymour, Vergennes.....	epis.....	r..... Vergennes, Oct. 26, 1810.....	farmer..... 8	
	Loyal D. Eldredge, Middlebury.....	cong.....	r.....	W. Stockholm, N. Y., Feb. 5, '31.....	attorney..... 1	
	BENNINGTON.....	J. Henry Guild, Rupert.....	meth.....	r..... Pawlet, Sept. 18, 1827.....	physician..... 8	
	Silas Mason, Readsboro.....	univ.....	r.....	Princeton, Ms., Apr. 6, 1826.....	merchant..... 4	
	CALEDONIA.....	Sumner S. Thompson, Lyndon.....	bap.....	r..... Halifax, Mass., April 12, 1823.....	r. contractor... 5	
	Henry C. Belden, St. Johnsbury.....	unit.....	r.....	Burke, Aug. 20, 1841.....	attorney..... 1	
	CHITTENDEN.....	Sam'l Huntington, Burlington.....	meth.....	r..... Vergennes, July 18, 1814.....	stationer..... 1	
	H. C. Leavenworth, Charlotte.....	cong.....	r.....	Charlotte, July 28, 1827.....	farmer..... 1	
	Cyrus M. Spaulding, Jericho.....	cong.....	r.....	Jericho, March 28, 1827.....	banker..... 1	
	Essex....	David S. Storrs, Brighton.....	meth.....	r..... Randolph, Dec. 4, 1834.....	attorney..... 2	

Counties.	SENATORS.	Address.	Rel. and Pol. Pref.	Where and when born.	Occupation.	Term.
FRANKLIN	Edward A. Sowles, St. Albans.	epis.	r.	Alburgh, Oct. 23, 1831.	attorney.	1
	Oscar S. Rixford, Highgate.	univ.	r.	Winchester, N. H., Mar. 28, 1828.	farmer & manuf. r.	5
	Ethan A. Hull, Berkshire.	univ.	r.	Fairfield, July 1, 1813.	farmer	2
GRAND ISLE.	Buel Landon, South Hero.	cong.	r.	South Hero, Aug. 15, 1821.	farmer	1
LAMOILLE	Edwin Wheelock, Cambridge.	cong.	r.	Cambridge, Nov. 17, 1822.	clergyman.	3
ORANGE	John Lynde, Williamstown.	cong.	r.	Williamstown, Aug. 6, 1810.	farmer.	6
	Edmund P. George, W. Fairlee.	unit.	r.	Thetford, Aug. 26, 1829.	merchant.	1
ORLEANS	William W. Grout, Barton.	liberal.	r.	Compton, P. Q., May 24, 1836.	attorney.	5
	Charles Carpenter, Charleston.	cong.	r.	Derby, Oct. 7, 1828.	manufacturer.	2
RUTLAND	Ner P. Simons, Rutland.	unit.	r.	Williamstown, Nov. 1, 1831.	attorney.	1
	Samuel Williams, Castleton.	epis.	r.	Rutland, Jan. 8, 1837.	marble.	1
	Henry F. Lothrop, Pittsford.	unit.	r.	Easton, Mass., March 1, 1820.	farmer	3
WASHINGTON.	Charles W. Brigham, Pittsfield.	meth.	r.	Barnard, May 17, 1831.	physician.	3
	Eliakim P. Walton, Montpelier.	cong.	r.	Montpelier, Feb. 17, 1812.	editor.	3
	Ira Richardson, Waitsfield.	meth.	r.	Waitsfield, Oct. 6, 1816.	farmer	3
WINDHAM	O. E. Butterfield, Wilmington.	meth.	r.	Wilmington, Sept. 17, 1839.	attorney.	4
	Eleazer L. Waterman, Jamaica.	cong.	r.	Jamaica, July 25, 1839.	attorney.	3
WINDSOR	Artemas Cushman, Rochester.	cong.	r.	Braintree, Sept. 15, 1806.	r. mer.	3
	Erwin J. Whitcomb, Ludlow.	univ.	r.	Ludlow, Feb. 24, 1822.	merchant.	3
	Gilbert A. Davis, Reading.	cong.	r.	Chester, Dec. 18, 1835.	attorney.	3
Officers of the Senate.						
	Wayne Bailey, Rutland.	Doorkeeper.		Rupert, May 19, 1845.	law student.	1
	Ezra P. Wood, Middlebury.	Ass't Doorkeeper.		New Haven, April 12, 1822.	speculator.	1
	Frank C. Partridge, Middlebury.	Page.		Middlebury, May 7, 1861.	student.	2
	Charles Weeks, St. Albans.	Page.		St. Albans, Nov. 13, 1861.	student.	1

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

OFFICERS.	Office.	Where and when born.	Occupation.	Term.
John W. Stewart, Middlebury.	Speaker.	Middlebury, Nov. 14, 1825.	attorney.	9
George R. Chapman, Vergennes.	Clerk.	Lincoln, March 30, 1849.	attorney.	1
Milo S. Buck, Cavendish.	1st Ass't Clerk.	Cavendish, Aug. 20, 1846.	attorney.	2
Nelson A Taylor, Washington.	2d Ass't Clerk.	Washington, March 13, 1832.	att'y & ins. agent.	1
Rev. J. M. C. Fulton, Montpelier.	Chaplain.	Wallace, Nova Scotia.	clergyman.	10
Andrew C. Brown, Montpelier.	Reporter.	Sutton, July 10, 1828.	insurance agent.	2
Orville S. Bliss, Georgia.	Reporter.	Georgia, June 27, 1836.	farmer.	2

ADDISON COUNTY.

Towns.	Representatives.	Rel. and Pol. Pref.	Where and when born.	Occupation.	Term.
Addison, Seymour J. Everest.	meth.	r.	Addison, April 8, 1837.	farmer.	1
Bridport, Julius J. Crane.	cong.	r.	Bridport, Jan. 14, 1824.	farmer.	1
Bristol, Willis R. Peake.	no pref.	r.	Bristol, June 22, 1836.	retired.	1
Cornwall, Edward O. Porter.	cong.	r.	Cornwall, Dec. 12, 1836.	physician.	1
Ferrisburgh, John Birkett.	meth.	r.	Ferrisburgh, March 12, 1823.	farmer.	1
Goshen, Andrew S. Brown.	liberal.	r.	Goshen, July 4, 1833.	farmer.	1
Granville, Alonzo N. Briggs.	liberal.	r.	Plymouth, March 17, 1822.	farmer.	1
Hancock, Tius Hutchinson.	no pref.	r.	Woodstock, Dec. 5, 1809.	book keeper.	2
Leicester, Darwin Johnson.	meth.	r.	Leicester, Nov. 7, 1829.	farmer.	1
Lincoln, James H. Batchelder.	cong.	r.	Plainfield, June 21, 1844.	manufacturer.	1
Middlebury, John W. Stewart.	cong.	r.	Middlebury, Nov. 14, 1825.	attorney.	9
Monkton, Orton T. Barnum.	no pref.	r.	Monkton, Feb. 23, 1838.	farmer.	1
New Haven, Alfred M. Roscoe.	cong.	r.	New Haven, Oct. 7, 1836.	merchant.	1
Orwell, Charles E. Abell.	cong.	r.	Orwell, May 2, 1836.	farmer.	1

Panton, Enoch J. Kent.....	no pref.....	Panton, Feb. 23, 1828.....	farmer.....	2
Ripton, Joseph Battell.....		—, Vermont, —, 1839.....	hotel keeper.....	2
Salisbury, Chester Kingsley.....	bap.....	Shrewsbury, March 2, 1815.....	manufacturer.....	1
Shoreham, Harvey S. Brookius.....	univ.....	Shoreham, Jan. 25, 1835.....	farmer.....	1
Starksboro, Sidney Bushnell.....	meth.....	Starksboro, May 17, 1838.....	farmer.....	1
Vergennes, Fred E. Woodbridge.....	pres.....	Vergennes, Aug. 29, 1818.....	attorney.....	6
Waltham, Andrew B. Rose.....	no pref.....	Woodbury, Conn.....	farmer.....	1
Weybridge, Asaph D. Hayward.....	no pref.....	Bridport, July 22, 1823.....	farmer.....	3
Whiting, Ezra L. Needham.....	bap.....	Whiting, Nov. 27, 1812.....	farmer.....	1

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Arlington, James K. Batchelder.....	epis.....	Peru, Nov. 10, 1842.....	attorney.....	2
Bennington, Milo C. Huling.....	cong.....	Shattsbury, Jan. 24, 1831.....	merchant.....	1
Dorset, George W. Farwell.....	liberal.....	Dorset, March 16, 1813.....	farmer.....	3
Glaistenbury, Daniel Romaine.....	liberal.....	N. J., Sept. 8, 1816.....	railroad manager.....	1
Landgrove, John R. Haynes.....	no pref.....	Landgrove, Sept. 22, 1811.....	farmer.....	1
Manchester, Sewell N. Bourne.....	bap.....	Manchester, July 24, 1827.....	farmer.....	1
Peru, William B. Simonds.....	cong.....	Peru, Nov. 19, 1827.....	farmer.....	1
Pownal, John L. Mason.....	meth.....	Pownal, April 21, 1816.....	farmer.....	1
Readsboro, Merritt M. Houghton.....	univ.....	Readsboro, April 15, 1832.....	merchant.....	1
Rupert, Cornelius M. Sheldon.....	cong.....	Rupert, Aug. 24, 1834.....	farmer.....	1
Sandgate, Elisha E. Hamilton.....	meth.....	Sandgate, June 1, 1837.....	farmer.....	1
Searsburgh, George Farrington.....	no pref.....	Sandgate, July 24, 1843.....	farmer.....	1
Shattsbury, Solomon Howard.....	univ.....	Shattsbury, April 21, 1832.....	farmer.....	1
Stamford, Patrick Morrissey.....	cath.....	Ireland, March 17, 1839.....	farmer.....	1
Sunderland, Henry S. Burt.....	meth.....	Bennington, Oct. 5, 1840.....	farmer.....	1

Towns.	Representatives.	Rel. and Pol. Pref.	Where and when born.	Occupation.	Term.
Winhall,	Artemas W. Prouty	meth.....r.....	Dummerston, Aug. 22, 1833	farmer.....	1
Woodford,	Amos Aldrich	univ.....d....	Clarksburgh, Ms., June 27, 1829	agent.....	5

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

Barnet, Peter Buchanan	pres.....r.....	Barnet, May 4, 1808	farmer.....	1
Burke, Arthur D. Jenkins	cong.....r.....	Burke, Sept. 6, 1844	law student.....	1
Danville, George E. Eaton	unit.....d....	Danville, April 5, 1846	editor.....	1
Groton, Frank M. Page	r.....	Topsham, Sept. 23, 1845	attorney.....	1
Hardwick, Alonzo Crandall	bap.....r.....	Albany, Oct. 17, 1828	millor.....	1
Kirby, Palmer W. Russell	cong.....r.....	Kirby, June 6, 1829	farmer.....	3
Lyndon, Benjamin F. Lincoln	cong.....r.....	Wareham, Mass., Sept. 4, 1831	treasurer.....	1
Newark, Deming D. Fairbanks	liberal.....r.....	Newark, Sept. 6, 1840	farmer.....	1
Peacham, Isaac N. Watts	cong.....r.....	Peacham, Aug. 16, 1842	farmer.....	1
Ryegate, James Johnston	pres.....r.....	Ryegate, Sept. 18, 1832	farmer.....	1
Sheffield, Spencer Drake	d....	Sharon, Mass., Aug. 10, 1798	farmer.....	3
St. Johnsbury, Elijah D. Blodgett	epis.....r.....	Randolph, May 20, 1820	accountant.....	2
Stannard, Samuel Winchester	meth.....r.....	Mulberry, Mass., Aug. 11, 1830	farmer.....	1
Sutton, Bradbury M. R. Willey	bap.....r.....	Wheelock, Nov. 15, 1835	farmer.....	1
Walden, William H. H. Davis	no pref.....r.....	Montpelier, Dec. 20, 1839	farmer.....	1
Waterford, Bradley D. Brown	cong.....r.....	Waterford, Dec. 1, 1818	farmer.....	1
Wheelock, Lorenzo Sulloway, Jr.	no pref.....r.....	Wheelock, July 17, 1839	farmer.....	1

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

Bolton, James A. Beers	cong.....d....	Dunham, P. Q., June 2, 1844	lumberman.....	1
Burlington, Torrey E. Wales	cong.....r.....	Westford, June 20, 1820	attorney.....	3
Charlotte, Henry W. Prindle	cong.....r.....	Charlotte, Dec. 5, 1839	farmer.....	1

Colchester, Avery B. Edwards.....	cong.....	r.....	Montpelier, May 10, 1818.....	machinist.....	1
Essex, James Nichols.....	bap.....	r.....	Richmond, Jan. 28, 1818.....	farmer.....	1
Hinesburgh, Guy D. Boynton.....	cong.....	r.....	Hinesburgh, April 13, 1839.....	farmer.....	1
Huntington, Gny D. Ellis.....	bap.....	r.....	Huntington, March 25, 1830.....	farmer.....	1
Jericho, Orlin Root.....	bap.....	r.....	Jericho, Dec. 13, 1822.....	harness maker.....	1
Milton, No election.					
Richmond, No election.					
Shelburne, Joel B. Bartlett.....	meth.....	r.....	Jericho, June 15, 1824.....	farmer.....	1
S. Burlington, Alexander McGregor.....	meth.....	d.....	S. Burlington, Sept. 16, 1837.....	farmer.....	1
St. George, Norman Isham.....		r.....	St. George, May 4, 1824.....	farmer.....	3
Underhill, Martin E. Hapgood.....	liberal.....	r.....	Jericho, Oct. 3, 1816.....	carpenter.....	1
Westford, James H. Macomber.....	no pref.....	r.....	Westford, April 17, 1823.....	retired farmer.....	1
Williston, George Landon.....	cong.....	r.....	So. Hero, Dec. 20, 1818.....	farmer.....	3

ESSEX COUNTY.

Bloomfield, Cyrus R. Blodgett.....	no pref.....	r.....	Stewartstown, N. H., Oct. 26, 1841.....	farmer.....	1
Brighton, Joseph Andrew.....	bap.....	r.....	Concord, June 1, 1834.....	engineer.....	3
Brunswick, William W. Fitch.....	univ.....	r.....	Sabago, Me., Oct. 5, 1826.....	farmer.....	1
Canaan, Addison E. Frizzell.....	univ.....	r.....	Canaan, Jan. 24, 1839.....	millwright.....	1
Concord, Samuel W. Ford.....	univ.....	r.....	Grafton, N. H., June 16, 1823.....	farmer.....	1
East Haven, Jason D. Jenkins.....	no pref.....	r.....	St. Johnsbury, Nov. 5, 1847.....	farmer and teacher.....	1
Granby, Ethan P. Shores.....	cong.....	r.....	Victory, Feb. 7, 1842.....	lumber dealer.....	1
Guildhall, Putney R. Follansby.....	meth.....	d.....	Hill, N. H. July 25, 1826.....	far. and surveyor.....	7
Lemington, William W. Titus.....	chris.....	r.....	Columbia, N. H., July 2, 1835.....	farmer.....	1
Lunenburg, Theron N. Wright.....	cong.....	r.....	Lunenburg, March 14, 1842.....	farmer.....	1
Maidstone, No election.					
Victory, Albert J. Shaw.....	meth.....	r.....	Barret, March 2, 1830.....	farmer.....	1

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Towns.	Representatives.	Rel. and Pol. Prof.	Where and when born.	Occupation.	Term.
Bakersfield,	Josiah F. Brigham.	liberal.	d. Bakersfield, Oct. 24, 1802	retired farmer	3
Berkshire,	Horace E. Wheeler	meth.	r. Berkshire, June 26, 1828	farmer	1
Enosburgh,	George Adams	cong.	r. Enosburgh, Dec. 27, 1809	farmer	1
Fairfax,	Harry S. Ufford	hap	r. Fairfax, May 15, 1836	farmer	1
Fairfield,	Ralph Sherwood	univ.	d. Fairfield, Dec. 23, 1840	physician	1
Fletcher,	Albert Parsons	univ.	r. Fletcher, March 5, 1834	farmer	1
Franklin,	John Webster	liberal	r. Franklin, Jan. 23, 1845	far. and surveyor.	2
Georgin,	Cephas A. Hotchkiss	liberal	r. Georgia, June 27, 1834	farmer	2
Highgate,	Hiram Skeels	meth	r. Highgate, April 21, 1830	farmer	1
Montgomery,	Otis N. Kelton	liberal	r. Montgomery, April 3, 1844	farmer	2
Rehlford,	Alvin S. Chase	hap	r. Franklin, May 23, 1835	farmer	1
Sheldon,	Schuyler W. Chadwick	epis	r. Sheldon, March 19, 1833	farmer	1
St. Albans,	John W. Newton	cong.	r. Plattsburgh, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1836	manufacturer	1
Swanton,	David O. Potter	meth	d. Swanton, Jan. 9, 1809	farmer	1

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

Alburgh,	Jed P. Ladd	r	North Hero, Sept. 28, 1828	attorney	4
Grand Isle,	Wyman W. Pearl	no pref.	r. Grand Isle, May 31, 1823	farmer	1
Isle La Motte,	Branan E. Leungfeld	no pref	r. Chazy, N. Y., May 21, 1844	physician	1
North Hero,	Orris P. Knight	meth	r. North Hero, March 2, 1841	farmer	1
South Hero,	George Tracy	cong	d. South Hero, June 8, 1846	farmer	1

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

Belvidere,	Joel C. Hodgkins	d	Belvidere, July 25, 1836	manuf'r and far.	1
Cambridge,	John B. Page	meth	r. Cambridge, Nov. 25, 1850	merchant	1

Eden, Bailey W. Fuller	r....	Cambridge, Jan 21, 1845.....	farmer.....	1
Elmore, Lyman A. Gale.....	r....	Hardwick, July 1, 1830.....	manuf'r and far....	1
Hyde Park, David Randall.....	r....	Fayston, Nov. 29, 1825.....	physician.....	1
Johnson, Robert W. McFarland	r....	Cambridge, April 21, 1839.....	merchant.....	1
Morristown, Alden Darling.....	r....	Morristown, July 31, 1828.....	farmer.....	1
Stowe, Abial H. Slayton.....	r....	Stowe, Feb. 28, 1829.....	farmer.....	1
Waterville, Henry Wilbur.....	r....	Waterville, March 9, 1829.....	farmer.....	1
Wolcott, No election.				

ORANGE COUNTY.

Bradford, Joseph W. Bliss.....	d....	Bradford, Jan. 31, 1824.....	farmer.....	2
Braintree, George L. Spear.....	d....	Braintree, April 22, 1842.....	manufacturer.....	1
Brookfield, Freeman D. Richardson	r....	Orange, Nov. 14, 1826.....	farmer.....	1
Chelsea, Burnham Martin.....	r....	Williamstown, Aug. 10, 1811.....	attorney.....	6
Corinth, Daniel Rowland.....	d....	Corinth, March 27, 1831.....	manufacturer.....	1
Fairlee, William E. S. Celley.....	r....	Roxbury, Mass., Jan. 27, 1838.....	farmer.....	1
Newbury, Henry W. Adams.....	r....	Concord, Mass., Nov. 17, 1825.....	manufacturer.....	1
Orange, Raymond P. Camp.....	r....	Orange, May 21, 1827.....	farmer.....	1
Randolph, William H. DuBois.....	r....	Randolph, March 24, 1835.....	banker.....	1
Strafford, Eli Clark.....	r....	Strafford, Jan. 8, 1808.....	clergyman.....	1
Thetford, Harlan P. Cummings.....	r....	Thetford, Jan. 19, 1837.....	farmer.....	1
Topsham, Henry A. Jackman.....	r....	Barre, Feb. 18, 1829.....	manufacturer.....	1
Tunbridge, Elizur F. Howe.....	r....	Tunbridge, July 17, 1837.....	farmer.....	1
Vershire, Silas Titus.....	d....	Vershire, Dec. 3, 1823.....	mason.....	1
Washington, Heman A. White.....	r....	Washington, Sept. 21, 1817.....	attorney.....	7
West Fairlee, John G. Eastman.....	d....	Strafford, Nov. 26, 1828.....	farmer.....	1
Williamstown, George Crane.....	r....	Williamstown, Dec. 12, 1837.....	farmer.....	1

ORLEANS COUNTY.

Towns.	Representatives.	Rel. and Pol. Pref.	Where and when born.	Occupation.	Term.
Albany, No election.					
Barton, George H. Blake.	meth.	r.	Sutton, April 27, 1836.	editor.	2
Brownington, Albert Wells.	bap.	r.	Enosburgh, July 25, 1823.	farmer.	1
Charleston, Charles S. Hinman.	cong.	r.	Derby, Feb. 19, 1846.	physician.	1
Coventry, Samuel Burbank.	prot.	r.	Landaff, N. H., Nov. 14, 1829.	manuf'r and far.	1
Craftsbury, Charles C. Hoyt.	meth.	r.	Craftsbury, Jan. 18, 1842.	farmer.	1
Derby, Asa B. Nelson.	meth.	r.	Derby, April 22, 1826.	boot and shoe m'r	1
Glover, Wilbur F. Templeton.	rationalist.	r.	Tilton, N. H., Feb. 9, 1836.	physician.	1
Greensboro, Harvey S. Calderwood.	univ.	r.	Greensboro, July 11, 1845.	physician.	2
Holland, Mason B. Pinney.	meth.	d.	Holland, June 23, 1836.	farmer.	1
Irasburgh, Eben P. Colton.	meth.	r.	West Fairlee, Feb. 11, 1828.	farmer.	5
Jay, Damon Y. Clark.	meth.	r.	Jay, March 4, 1834.	farmer.	1
Lowell, Don E. Curtis.	cong.	r.	Lowell, May 3, 1849.	merchant.	1
Morgau, Orrin Taylor.	cong.	r.	Derby, June 25, 1821.	farmer.	1
Newport, Charles L. Erwin.	meth.	r.	Sheldon, Feb. 5, 1844.	physician.	1
Salem, Daniel Kelley.	cong.	r.	St. Johnsbury, Nov. 21, 1807.	farmer.	1
Troy, George E. Braley.	cong.	r.	Northfield, March 17, 1837.	merchant.	1
Westfield, George W. Whiteher.	meth.	r.	Groton, ———, 1808.	mechanic.	1
Westmore, Harry Cheney.	univ.	r.	Burke, Oct. 3, 1823.	hotel and farmer.	1

RUTLAND COUNTY.

Benson, Charles B. Goodrich.	cong.	r.	Benson, May 11, 1836.	farmer.	1
Brandon, Nathan T. Sprague, Jr.	bap.	r.	Mt. Holly, June 22, 1828.	banker.	2
Castleton, William C. Guernsey.	cong.	r.	Poultney, Aug. 21, 1828.	merchant.	1
Chittenden, Henry Long.	cong.	r.	Rutland, Nov. 14, 1836.	farmer.	1

Clarendon, John C. Colvin.....	r.....	Clarendon, Feb. 20, 1846.....	farmer.....	1
Danby, Charles K. Bucklin.....	meth.....	Danby, Dec. 7, 1845.....	clerk.....	1
Fair Haven, Samuel W. Bailey.....	cong.....	Whitehall, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1829.....	slate dealer.....	2
Hubbardton, Cyrus Jennings.....	cong.....	Hubbardton, Feb. 23, 1838.....	farmer.....	1
Ira, Simon L. Peck.....	bap.....	Ira, Nov. 29, 1844.....	farmer.....	3
Mendon, Reuben Ranger.....	liberal.....	Mendon, Sept. 6, 1834.....	farmer.....	1
Middletown, Albert Y. Gray.....	r.....	Middletown, July 22, 1844.....	manufacturer.....	1
Mount Holly, Windsor Newton.....	bap.....	Mount Holly, March 22, 1825.....	farmer.....	1
Mount Tabor, Gideon S. Tabor.....	cong.....	Mount Tabor, April 16, 1804.....	farmer.....	2
Pawlet, Selden S. Brown.....	r.....	Pawlet, Aug. 27, 1838.....	farmer.....	1
Pittsfield, Daniel W. Ranney.....	univ.....	Stockbridge, ———, 1833.....	carriage manuf'r.....	1
Pittsford, George N. Eayres.....	cong.....	Rutland, Dec. 12, 1824.....	farmer.....	1
Poultney, Marvin O. Stoddard.....	meth.....	Hampton, N. Y., March 22, 1840.....	hardware dealer.....	1
Rutland, John A. Sheldon.....	cong.....	Troy, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1839.....	marble dealer.....	1
Sherburne, Daniel W. Taylor.....	chris.....	Plymouth, June 18, 1823.....	farmer.....	5
Shrewsbury, John Webb.....	univ.....	Hardwick, Mass, Nov. 5, 1830.....	retired.....	1
Sudbury, Andrew Webster.....	univ.....	Hubbardton, June 13, 1843.....	farmer.....	1
Tinmouth, Hannibal Hopkins.....	bap.....	Tinmouth, Nov. 7, 1821.....	farmer.....	1
Wallingford, Merritt H. Dickerman.....	bap.....	Mount Holly, Jan. 10, 1824.....	dep. sheriff.....	1
Wells, Marcellus Francis.....	liberal.....	Wells, March 12, 1836.....	farmer.....	1
West Haven, Rodney C. Abell.....	chris.....	Benson, Oct. 17, 1831.....	attorney and far.....	7

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Barre, Jacob S. Spaulding.....	cong.....	Tewksbury, Mass., Aug. 24, 1811.....	teacher.....	1
Berlin, Charles F. Dewey.....	meth.....	Berlin, March 27, 1836.....	farmer.....	1
Cabot, George M. Webster.....	meth.....	Cabot, Nov. 5, 1841.....	farmer.....	1
Calais, Erasmus L. Burnap.....	advent.....	Auburn, Mass., Dec. 17, 1813.....	farmer.....	1

Towns.	Representatives.	Rel. and Pol. Pref.	Where and when born.	Occupation.	Term.
Duxbury, David E. Farrand.....		r.....	Waterbury, Feb. 17, 1834.....	teacher.....	1
E. Montpelier, Joseph L. Coburn.....	univ.....	r.....	East Montpelier, Jan. 16, 1830.....	farmer.....	1
Fayston, Dorrie S. Stoddard.....	unit.....	r.....	Waitsfield, Oct. 21, 1843.....	ins. agt. and far.....	1
Marshfield, Levi W. Pitkin.....	univ.....	r.....	Marshfield, Sept. 27, 1828.....	farmer.....	1
Middlesex, Caleb C. Eaton.....	univ.....	r.....	Calais, May 6, 1830.....	farmer.....	1
Montpelier, Charles T. S. bin.....	unit.....	r.....	Montpelier, April 11, 1832.....	civ. eng. and far.....	1
Moretown, Goin B. Evans.....		r.....	Middlesex, Dec. 4, 1841.....	produce dealer.....	2
Northfield, Andrew E. Denny.....	cong.....	r.....	Northfield, Aug. 4, 1832.....	merchant.....	1
Plainfield, Nathaniel Townshend.....	univ.....	d.....	Plainfield, Nov. 18, 1836.....	farmer.....	1
Roxbury, Ai N. Tilden.....	univ.....	d.....	Williamstown, Jan. 3, 1826.....	merchant.....	1
Waitsfield, Lucius M. Tyler.....		r.....	Fayston, July 27, 1832.....	produce dealer.....	1
Warren, Daniel D. Hemenway.....	liberal.....	r.....	Ludlow, May 28, 1840.....	manufacturer.....	1
Waterbury, William P. Dillingham.....	meth.....	r.....	Waterbury, Dec. 12, 1843.....	attorney.....	1
Woodbury, Peter R. Lyford.....		r.....	Woodbury, Aug. 29, 1825.....	farmer.....	1
Worcester, Horace P. Darling.....	univ.....	r.....	Morristown, Jan. 28, 1840.....	carpenter.....	1

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Athens, Stephen C. Ranney.....	meth.....	r.....	Westminster, Jan. 29, 1815.....	farmer.....	1
Brattleboro, Julius J. Estey.....	hap.....	r.....	Brattleboro, Jan. 8, 1845.....	manufacturer.....	1
Brookline, William W. Peary.....		r...	Brookline, April 22, 1840.....	farmer.....	1
Dover, Stillman H. Lazell.....	meth.....	r.....	Dover, Feb. 9, 1843.....	farmer.....	1
Dummerston, Thomas N. Reed.....	cong.....	r.....	Putney, Aug. 31, 1828.....	farmer.....	1
Grafton, Charles Barrett.....	cong.....	r.....	Grafton, Jan. 28, 1830.....	artist.....	5
Guilford, Charles E. Alexander.....	univ.....	r.....	Chesterfield, N. H., Jan. 10, 1830.....	farmer.....	1
Halifax, Albert M. V. Hager.....	univ.....	r.....	Halifax, Aug. 9, 1837.....	farmer.....	1
Jamaica, Albert Sturges.....	cong.....	r.....	Fairfield, Jan. 16, 1834.....	mechanic.....	1

Londonderry, James L. Martin.....	bap.....	Landgrove, Sept. 18, 1846.....	attorney.....	2
Marlboro, William W. Lynde.....	unit.....	Guilford, Feb. 13, 1829.....	merchant.....	9
Newfane, Alvin B. Franklin.....	cong.....	Newfane, Aug. 17, 1838.....	farmer.....	2
Putney, Sterne O. Parker.....	cong.....	Rockingham, March 12, 1825.....	farmer.....	1
Rockingham, Albert N. Swain.....	cong.....	Reading, July 12, 1828.....	editor.....	2
Somerset, Asa Burnap, Jr.....	cong.....	Hillsdale, N. H., March 16, 1846.....	farmer.....	1
Stratton, Evander H. Willis.....	f. w. bap.....	Stratton, Jan. 8, 1845.....	farmer.....	2
Townshend, Franklin W. Olmsted.....	cong.....	Benson, July 7, 1810.....	clergyman.....	4
Vernon, Dwight Johnson.....	advent.....	Vernon, Jan. 26, 1828.....	farmer.....	1
Wardsboro, Martin J. Gleason.....	meth.....	Wardsboro, Oct. 31, 1831.....	farmer.....	1
Westminster, Ralph S. Safford.....	cong.....	Westminster, Feb. 14, 1825.....	merchant.....	1
Whitingham, Henry O. Gillett.....		Readsboro, Dec. 18, 1836.....	farmer.....	1
Wilnington, Eatus C. Sargent.....	univ.....	New Braintree, Mass, July 16, 1811.....	retired.....	1
Windham, Archibald H. Mack.....	cong.....	Windham, Feb. 8, 1832.....	farmer.....	1

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Andover, Albert E. Stannard.....		Crown Point, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1830.....	manufacturer.....	3
Baltimore, Orson D. Freeman.....		Hartford, Feb. 7, 1830.....	farmer.....	1
Barnard, Paul D. Dean.....	univ.....	Barnard, Jan. 4, 1816.....	farmer.....	6
Bethel, Edwin Sturtevant.....	univ.....	Hartland, Sept. 24, 1826.....	provision dealer.....	1
Bridgewater, Calvin T. Josselyn.....		Bridgewater, March 16, 1836.....	farmer.....	1
Cavendish, Daniel W. Hazelton.....	bap.....	Hebron, N. H., May 11, 1824.....	physician.....	1
Chester, Hugh Henry.....	unit.....	Chester, March 21, 1838.....	attorney.....	4
Hartford, William Lindsay.....	univ.....	Williamstown, Jan. 10, 1833.....	manufacturer.....	1
Hartland, Charles C. Thornton.....	univ.....	Springfield, Nov. 20, 1826.....	merchant.....	2
Ludlow, Wm. A. Patrick.....	univ.....	Ludlow, Sept. 26, 1832.....	machinist.....	1
Norwich, Bartlett Sargent.....		Norwich, Feb. 27, 1835.....	farmer.....	1

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Pomfret, Ora Paul.	chris.	r.	Pomfret, June 25, 1836.	farmer.	3
Reading, George H. Parker.	bap.	r.	Montgomery, April 5, 1841.	clergyman.	1
Rochester, Julius A. Eaton.	univ.	r.	Rochester, Dec. 3, 1833.	hardware dealer.	1
Royalton, Martin T. Skinner.	cong.	r.	Royalton, March 9, 1821.	farmer.	3
Sharon, Edward B. Chamberlin.	cong.	r.	Strafford, Jan. 18, 1826.	clergyman.	1
Springfield, Horace H. Howe.	meth.	r.	Springfield, Feb. 9, 1826.	farmer.	1
Stockbridge, Charles W. Clark.	cong.	r.	Georgia, Oct. 25, 1831.	clergyman.	1
Weathersfield, Charles L. Stearns.	bap.	r.	Weathersfield, April 7, 1840.	farmer.	1
Weston, Asa G. Foster.	univ.	r.	Weston, Dec. 29, 1826.	far. and spec.	1
West Windsor, Allen Savage.	meth.	r.	West Windsor, March 11, 1813.	farmer.	1
Windsor, James A. Pollard.	bap.	r.	Plymouth, Nov 19, 1817.	merchant.	8
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Tracy B. Willie, St Johnsbury.	Doorkeeper.	Concord, March 22, 1843.	farmer.	2
Elbridge M. Buck, Cavendish.	Ast. Doorkeeper.	Cavendish, April 10, 1852.	student.	1
Willie Boynton, Northfield.	Page.	Northfield, Oct. 26, 1862.	student.	1
Oscar A. McFarland, Johnson.	Page.	Cambridge, April 8, 1867.	student.	1
Harry H. McIntyre, N. Chester.	Page.	Chester, May 24, 1865.	student.	1
Fred A. Whittaker, Pittsford.	Page.	Pittsford, May 15, 1862.	student.	1

RECAPITULATION OF THE HOUSE.

Of the Members of the House of Representatives, 205 are Republicans, 81 are Democrats, and five towns are not represented. Twenty of the Representatives were Members of the House in the last General Assembly. Forty-five have been Representatives before. Nine have been Senators, one has been a Member of Congress, one Lieutenant Governor, and one Governor. One hundred and twenty-three represent the towns in which they were born. Spencer Drake of Sheffield, in his 79th year, is the oldest Member of the House, and John B. Page of Cambridge, born in 1850, is the youngest.

Occupations.—Farmers, 138; Merchants, 18; Manufacturers, 17; Lawyers, 13; Physicians, 9; Clergymen, 5; Editors, 3; Teachers, 3; Book Keepers, 3; Bankers, 2; Produce Dealers, 2; Machinists, 2; Mechanics, 2; Builders, 2; Artist, 1; Deputy Sheriff, 1; Mason, 1; Civil Engineer, 1; Marble Dealer, 1; State Dealer, 1; Hotel Keeper, 1; Millwright, 1; Engineer, 1; Harness Maker, 1; Miller, 1; Not in business, 6.

Religious Preferences.—Congregationalists, 56; Universalists, 30; Liberals, 12; Christians, 4; Episcopalians, 2; Presbyterians, 2; Roman Catholic, 1; Rationalist, 1; Methodists, 39; Baptists, 25; Unitarians, 4; Adventists, 2; Freewill Baptists, 2; Ref. Presbyterian, 1; No preference, 55.

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RECAPITULATION OF THE SENATE.

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Religious Preferences.—Congregationalists, 9; Methodists, 6; Unitarians, 4; Universalists, 4; Episcopalians, 3; Liberal, 1; No preference, 3.

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20. On third reading of H. 177, 470.
21. On third reading of S. 80, 472.
22. On passage of H. 117, 481.
23. On passage of H. 279, 483.
24. On third reading of H. 385, 485.
25. On passage of H. 285, 498.
26. On dismissal of S. 89, 502.
27. On passage of H. 120, 504.
28. On passage of H. 395, 512.
29. On Senate amendments to H. 117, 524.

ERRATA.

On page 201, after line 18, should be inserted, *Whereupon, the House agreeing thereto, the bill as amended was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow morning.*

On page 202, after line 18, should be inserted, *And have adopted the same in concurrence.*

On page 245, after the yeas and nays, should be added, *So the bill passed.*

On page 255, "H. 86" should read *H. 52.*

On page 317, "H. 190" should read *H. 199.*

On page 335, "H. 328" should read *H. 377.*

On page 368, the message from the Senate should precede the first and second readings of S. 96 and S. 128.

On page 446, after the words "H. 391," should be inserted, *An act providing for the support of government.*

On page 470, "H. 398" should read *H. 394.*



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